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AN ARTS FEST IN ITS HONOR

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

A flame tree near the NMI Museum of History and Culture in Garapan yesterday provides an incredible burst of color against a backdrop of blue skies. With their powerful visual image, flame trees have become an enduring symbol of the CNMI's beauty and, in its honor, an arts and crafts festival is held every year. Today marks the first day of a three-day 33rd Flame Tree Arts Festival at the Civic Center Park in Susupe.

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Crisostomo found guilty

HAIDEE EUGENIO/FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Escorted by several Corrections officers and court marshals, Joseph A. Crisostomo is led outside the courtroom yesterday after he was found guilty of all charges for the murder of bartender Emerita R. Romero. Inset photo shows interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty and assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy talking to reporters.

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A Superior Court jury rendered yesterday a unanimous verdict, finding Joseph A. Crisostomo guilty of kidnapping, raping, killing, and robbing bartender Emerita R. Romero, a mother of two.

After deliberating for about six hours, the six jurors reached a guilty verdict against the 40-year-old Crisostomo on charges of first-degree murder, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first-degree, and robbery.

As a court staff read the guilty verdict before a jam-packed courtroom at 4:23pm, Crisostomo's mouth opened slightly and his eyes widened.

Romero's brother, Eduardo, and sister, Estrellita Relata, who were both sitting on the first bench row behind the prosecution's table, burst into tears after hearing the verdict. Romero's friends and

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LOTTERY COMMISSION SEES APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST TIME

'$30M deposit by May 5 or you're out'

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REPORTER

» New details about Marianas Stars ownership

Gov. Eloy S. Inos clarified yesterday that the two casino applicants would have to deposit $30 million each in an escrow account by May 5, or lose the privilege to be further considered for a grant of a license to exclusively develop a casino resort on Saipan. This, as new details about the ownership of Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. emerge, one of the two Saipan casino applicants along with Best Sunshine International Ltd.

"Essentially, if only one company deposits $30 million, then I guess that's the end of the line," the governor said

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3-day Flame Tree Arts Festival kicks off today

The 33rd Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival kicks off today, featuring its yearly display of arts, performances, and entertainment.

The event, scheduled for three days at the Civic Center Park in Susupe, starts today from 6pm to 10pm, tomorrow from 9am to 11pm, and on Sunday, April 27, from 10am to 11pm.

The Flame Tree Arts Festival celebrates the rich art and cultural heritage of the Commonwealth and takes place usually in late April during the blossoming of flame tree flowers after which the event was named. The annual festival features a wide selection of artwork from the CNMI, Guam, Rota, and visiting artists.

According to the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture executive director Angel S. Hocog, this year's edition will feature 64 artists who will showcase a combination of contemporary, traditional, and visual art.

Delegates will include 44 from Rota, 26 from Guam, nine from two different areas of Southern California, and four from Michigan.

Today, the festival will open with the Umang Glee Club from Koblerville Elementary School at 6pm, followed by performances from the Saipan Awaodori Team, Black Sands, Tae Kwondo Blue Dragon, Marianas High School (Poksai Guma Chamorro), and Saipan Southern Warriors.

The festival will showcase tomorrow and on Sunday performances by delegations hailing from Guam, San Diego, and Rota as well as numbers from Ukulele Jammers, Pau Hinano, Uncle Ben's Music and Dance, Alana la, Anna Glushko's, Reunion Te Kanahau Nui, Hugs and Kisses, and Project Blue.

"This year's festival marks its 33rd year celebration of one of the biggest cultural events here in the CNMI that promotes, perpetuates, and preserves the knowledge and skills of our gifted artists by providing programs such as this yearly [event] to demonstrate and display their beautiful arts and crafts for all to experience," said festival coordinator Parker Y. Yobei.

Hocog noted that there would also be four dedications to be presented to the families of Chris M. Kaipat, Herman Del Rosario Kapileo, Vicente Sablan, and Shawnda DLC Taisacan from Rota.

"We invite each and everyone in the community to support this annual event which will showcase many talents and groups and will also include a remembrance of art friends that have passed away," Hocog said. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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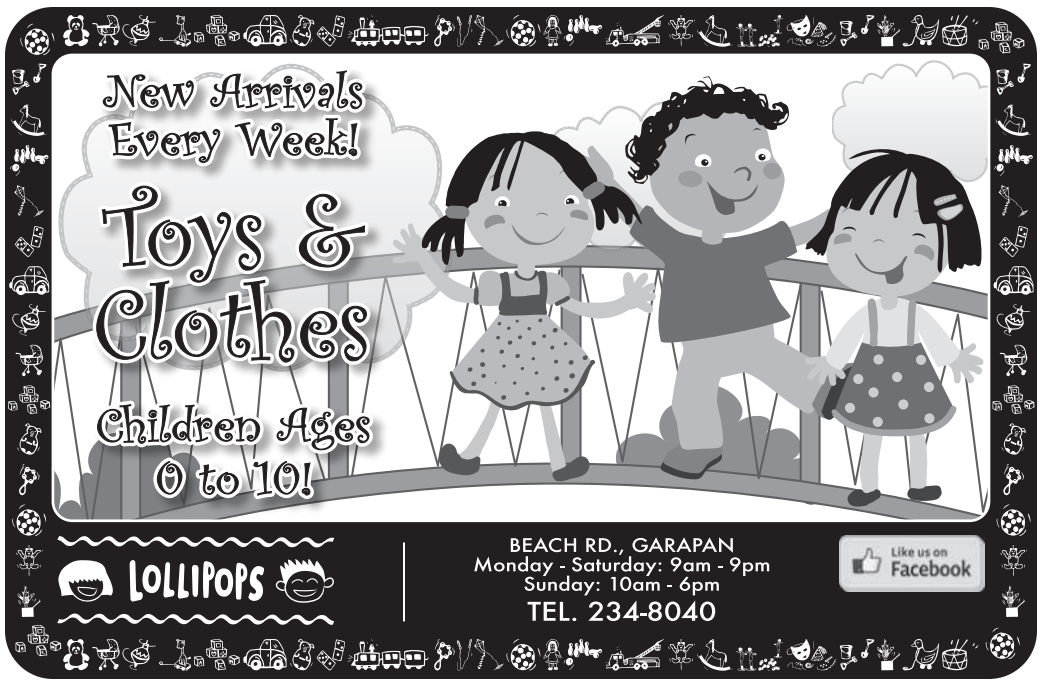

Unoccupied HS campus eyed as Rota training hub

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It's been three years since secondary public schools on Rota were merged into one campus. This resulted in the other facility becoming unoccupied. The Public School System is now looking at possibly converting the property into a major training hub.

The State Board of Education decided to consolidate the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High and the Rota High School in 2011, creating the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School. This resulted in the transfer of high school students to the junior high campus.

This has left the high school campus not fully utilized in the last two years except for its gymnasium and JROTC facilities and occasionally the cafeteria for some events.

In an interview, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* how the system wants to use the unoccupied facility.

"We still maintain that campus because it's still our property and we cannot give that up. It's a great campus and we try to maintain it. In the future, I'd like to see that facility become a career and technical institute for Rota or it could be a training center for our students," said Sablan.

At present, among the functions that PSS allows on the empty campus are community events, parents' meetings and workshops, and other educational-related activities.

Since Rota is being groomed to become a casino and gaming destination, Sablan believes that the unoccupied school campus could be a right venue to host such trainings for the island where many youths and students could benefit.

"Since there's so much interest in the gaming industry, maybe we can turn that campus into a gaming institute where they can be trained. There are so many things that we can do with it to benefit the Rota community and not take it away from our students," added Sablan.

Meantime, the commissioner said that preparations are ongoing for the consolidation of new middle schools in the new school year, which begins in September.

She disclosed that necessary staffing, including appointment of new administrators, as well as transfer of lateral equipment and instructional materials, are all set for the summer period.

Come Sept. 2, PSS will have new middle schools that include Dandan Middle School, Tanapag Middle School, and San Antonio Middle School. This project is the second phase of the PSS Middle School Consolidated Plan that started this school year 2013-2014.

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Inos not closing door on medical marijuana but. . .

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While some members of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee are still tinkering with the idea of legalizing marijuana in the CNMI for medicinal and recreational use similar to Colorado, Gov. Eloy S. Inos is not shutting the door on that idea, although that would still depend on the bill that would reach his desk.

"I understand any effort on marijuana legislation out here is strictly for medicinal purposes, not for commercial or entertainment," he told reporters.

No marijuana bill has been introduced at the Legislature since he became governor.

Under previous legislatures and administrations, former representative Stanley Torres introduced bills to legalize marijuana for medicinal and/or recreational use, but those bills were either killed or gathered dust.

Inos, when asked whether he would support a medical marijuana bill, said, "We'll have to see the actual legislation."

Some members of the Guam Legislature are also pushing for marijuana legalization.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee is considering the idea of inserting marijuana legalization in a House health and revenue-generating bill that raises cigarette tax by $2 a pack. The committee plans to cut the proposed cigarette tax hike to an initial 50 cents a pack.

Some senators are considering the idea of legalizing marijuana in the CNMI for both medicinal and recreational use similar to Colorado, which forecasts nearly $1 billion in sales next fiscal.

Group sets up signup stations for referendums

The public will be seeing temporary signup stations popping up in all the election districts on Saipan for voters to sign the referendum(s) and economic initiative for the ballot in November, according to the Concerned Citizens Against Casinos.

The referendums seeks to require the government to immediately create an interisland public service ferry system connecting all four populated islands of the Marianas, to create a Micronesian Cultural/Convention Center, to legalize marijuana for medical, medicinal and recreational use, the removal of poker machines from villages to increase revenues and to create an autonomous economic task force to influence and protect the future economic conditions within the Commonwealth.

The first station was set up on Saturday, directly across from Kagman Market. Over 30 plus people stopped and signed all the referendums and initiative in the two hours this station was set up, according to organizers.

"There were also a lot of horn blowers and promises to come back and sign so it looks very promising for the people to have a chance to decide in November as there are several groups and many individuals out there getting signatures. What impressed me the most was the enthusiasm voters displayed in signing the economic initiative," said Ambrose Bennett of the Concerned Citizens Against Casinos. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Concerned Citizens Against Casinos sets up a temporary signup station on Saturday, directly across from Kagman Market.

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other people were seen either wiping their tears or sobbing.

Crisostomo's sister, Annie, and another sister sat silently behind the defense's table.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who presided over the trial and decided the misdemeanor charges, found Crisostomo guilty of assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Sentencing will be on May 28, 2014, at 9am.

First-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment; sexual assault in the first degree, 30 years; kidnapping with injuries, 30 years; robbery with injuries, 20 years; assault and battery, one year; and disturbing the peace, six months.

Camacho said the government proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt on the charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace. He cited the autopsy conducted on Romero body, her injuries and cause of death, and the 911 call wherein the victim was heard saying her neck hurt.

The judge also mentioned, among other pieces of evidence, that Crisostomo drove a rental car and transported Romero, his DNA was present in Romero's vaginal swabs, and the footprints found at La Fiesta Mall that matched Crisostomo's barefoot prints.

"From her [Romero] own words in the 911 recording, she was begging for her life. The court finds that you are that person," Camacho told the defendant.

Interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty recommended a presentence investigation report but Camacho quickly denied it.

Camacho said he is very familiar with Crisostomo, having sentenced him twice in previous criminal convictions. The judge noted that at present, Crisostomo is serving a 10-and-half-year prison term that he earlier imposed on the defendant.

He said the prosecution and defense counsel are welcome to submit their respective sentencing recommendations.

Camacho said people who support a lenient prison term must submit their position papers to defense counsel Janet H. King, while those who don't support a lenient sentence must submit their position papers to the Office of the Attorney General.

After Camacho adjourned the trial, Romero's brother, Eduardo, who was still crying, hugged Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park.

Romero's younger sister, Estrellita, was sobbing uncontrollably as Guma Esperansa director Laurie Ogumoro and a nun comforted her. Deputy court marshal Jess Santos handed a glass of water to Estrellita.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy was also in tears, as well as Scott Dottino, one of the owners of Godfather's Bar where Romero worked.

The well-combed Crisostomo, wearing a pair of khaki pants, striped white long-sleeved shirt, and black leather shoes, was escorted out of the courtroom by at least seven Department of Corrections officers and four court marshals on the way back to DOC.

In an interview with reporters, court-appointed defense counsel King said there are some rulings that they will review for possible appeal.

"We will make sure that we explore all avenues," said King.

She said that, as she stated in her closing arguments, the goal of the defense attorney and the defense team in this case is to ensure that Crisostomo gets a fair trial.

"I thank the judge and the court's personnel for everything that they've done for this trial for the last two and a half weeks as well as the people at DOC," she added.

Flaherty said he and the Office of the Attorney General are very satisfied that justice has been done. He thanked the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the FBI for assisting in the investigation.

Brown-Badawy said she was very affected by this case.

"I think it's a matter of being in a wrong place at a wrong time. It could happen to anyone of us. Unfortunately, that happened in this case," Brown-Badawy said.

"You listened to that [911] recording and how can you not, as a human being, be affected by what you hear?" Flaherty interrupted.

The trial began on April 7, 2014. Flaherty and Brown-Badawy called a total of 31 witnesses. King called only one witness, police detective Simon Manacop, who served as the lead case agent in the Romero murder investigation.

King filed a total of 44 pretrial individual motions. She was assisted in the case by two co-counsels from Guam: Jeffrey Moots and F. Randall Cunliffe. The two Guam lawyers, however, did not attend the trial.

The jurors, composed of four women and two men, began deliberations late Wednesday afternoon and continued yesterday morning.

At 3:25pm, the jurors passed a note to Camacho that they have reached a unanimous verdict. Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Mary-Ann Lizama served as the jury's foreperson.

Romero was last seen boarding a car near her house in Garapan in the early morning of Feb. 5, 2012. Two days later, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her body in a small room at an abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis. Autopsy showed she was beaten up and strangled to death with a pair of leggings.

Emie's daughters say thanks

Editor's Note: The following is a letter written by Emerita R. Romero's two daughters soon after the burial of their mother in 2012.

I and my sister Francene would like to thank those who supported and helped in the search to find our Mama. We really appreciate all the sympathies and condolences you extended to us. Our great gratitude to our mom's bosses, Mr. Ron Biggers and Mr. Scott Dottino, who led the search for our Mama, to all her coworkers at Godfathers's Bar who organized the vigil and fundraising for our Mama and to her loyal friends there on Saipan who exerted time and effort just to save our Mama. Our thanks to all who attended the vigil and to all who gave donations and prayers. We would also like to thank all the authorities who are helping to solve our mom's case. Our family and relatives here in the Philippines would also like to thank those people who participated in the wake of our mom. Lastly, our gratitude to our relatives there on Saipan for helping us with the wake and for not leaving us.

Let's find justice for her. A woman like her doesn't deserve to be treated like that. Let's help each other to arrest that criminal who killed our mom. Your continued prayers for our Mama will help her soul to lay in peace. May this crime serve as a warning to people there.

LET'S NOT STOP 'TIL OUR MOM GAINS HER JUSTICE!

Thank you.

Erica and Francene
Emie's daughters

DEPOSIT

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in an interview at yesterday's Marianas March Against Cancer proclamation signing.

The applicant that is not chosen gets its $30 million back.

The other $30 million will be used to restore retirees' deferred 25 percent pension.

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar separately said yesterday that the committee will issue an advance public notice of the date and time of the panel's first meeting next week to tackle the casino applications.

The governor said the commissioners got their copies of the applications submitted. Because of a non-disclosure agreement, the government is not releasing any portion of the applications.

Who are the applicants?

Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd., plans to build a 2,000-room hotel including dining and shopping facilities in addition to developing a casino, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Only 25 percent of Marianas Stars is owned by Mega Stars Overseas Ltd., the new owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, based on an announcement by the Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. pursuant to Hong Kong laws.

Cario Hon, chief executive officer of Mega Stars, earlier did not deny that Marianas Stars is only "partly" owned by Mega Stars.

Owning 75 percent of Marianas Stars is Famous Treasure Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd.

In its April 22 announcement, Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd. said Marianas Stars paid the nonrefundable $1 million application fee to the Commonwealth Treasury on "17 April 2014," four days before the April 21 deadline.

"There is no guarantee that the Application by MSE [Marianas Stars] will be successful and that the proposed development mentioned above will proceed. In addition, even if MSE were successful with the application, there could be other factors that may affect the success of the proposed development. Investors should exercise caution when dealing with the securities of the company," Chinese Strategic Holdings said.

Marianas Stars is incorporated and licensed to do business in the CNMI.

The other applicant, Hong Kong-based Best Sunshine International Ltd., is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Natural Foods Holdings Ltd. It has not been incorporated in the CNMI nor has it applied for a business license in the CNMI as of yesterday.

The governor met with members of the Lottery Commission on Wednesday afternoon, mostly on housekeeping matters.

"We also emphasized this is an important task and that they'll have to clear their calendar or make arrangements so they can really focus on this work," Inos said in an interview.

Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), one of those who voted "yes" to the Saipan casino bill, said yesterday that the Lottery Commission should be allowed to do its job as required by law.

"And the commission should carefully review and investigate the companies, do background checks on them. Who are the companies and people involved in these investments?" he said.

The governor said the government will hire an investigator with expertise in probing casino operations. The investigator could be based in Hong Kong, Macau, or mainland China.

Casino gaming used to be legal only on Tinian and Rota. That changed on March 21 when the governor signed the casino bill.

An investor granted a license to exclusively operate a casino on Saipan is required to build a hotel-resort with at least 2,000 rooms and an initial investment of $2 billion.

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New law changes voting day, reflects AG election

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law on Wednesday a bill that changes the CNMI's general election day to the Tuesday after the first Monday in November on even-number years, which this year falls on Nov. 4, and other election law amendments to reflect the election of an attorney general starting this year.

The election amendment bill that reached the governor's desk was also a product of a conference committee from the House and Senate.

House Bill 18-107, House Draft 1, Senate Substitute 1, Conference Committee Draft 1 is now Public Law 18-46. Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) is the bill's main author, along with two other co-sponsors.

The new law adds the names of AG candidates on the ballot, provides for the qualifications for AG candidates, the AG nomination, and AG runoff election.

It also revises certain provisions of the CNMI election law to be consistent with the NMI Constitution, save costs, and remove any inconsistencies with existing law provisions.

P.L. 18-46 also provides that that Office of the Public Auditor shall assist the Election Commission in monitoring the polling places to prevent and detect any fraud and any abuse during special elections, early voting, and election day.

House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) authored the elected AG initiative that voters overwhelmingly ratified in 2012.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) said yesterday that the ratified House Legislative Initiative 17-2, House Draft 3, House Substitute 2 won't affect San Nicolas' pending AG nomination.

The CNMI used to be one of 10 remaining U.S. states and territories that still had an appointed attorney general, according to a report prepared by the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations that recommended the elected AG initiative's passage.

Man allegedly found with baggie of 'ice'

A man driving a car without headlights at night along Beach Road, Garapan, was allegedly caught in possession of a baggie containing 1 gross gram of methamphetamine or "ice."

Jameson Palacios Hemley, 40, was arrested for illegal possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at $25,000 cash.

Drug Enforcement Task Force detective Jeffrey I. Norita stated in his report that Tactical Response Enforcement Team members Maynard Duenas and Rudolfo Hermosilla were conducting routine patrol along Beach Road on April 17, 2014, at 9:22pm when they saw a car enter the main highway from the McDonald's Saipan intersection without the headlights turned on.

The vehicle, a Toyota Corolla with license plate ADW 182, turned left and entered the Dama de Noche Street and headed toward Martha's Store.

The two officers activated their emergency signal devices and siren to pull over the vehicle. The car finally turned on the headlights and pulled over in front of Martha's Store.

Hermosilla approached the passenger side of the vehicle while Duenas checked the driver's side.

The officers saw that Hemley was on the driver side, while a woman was on the front passenger side and a man was in the rear passenger seat.

Hemley told the officers that he forgot to bring his driver's license.

Hermosilla noticed that Hemley was trying to hide something in his right hand. As the officer was guiding Hemley out of the vehicle to secure him, the defendant threw the item he was holding toward the center console of the car.

After placing Hemley in handcuffs, the officer checked the car and allegedly found a small ziplock baggie containing a crystalline substance that tested presumptive positive for "ice."

The female passenger told the officers that she does not know who owns the drug. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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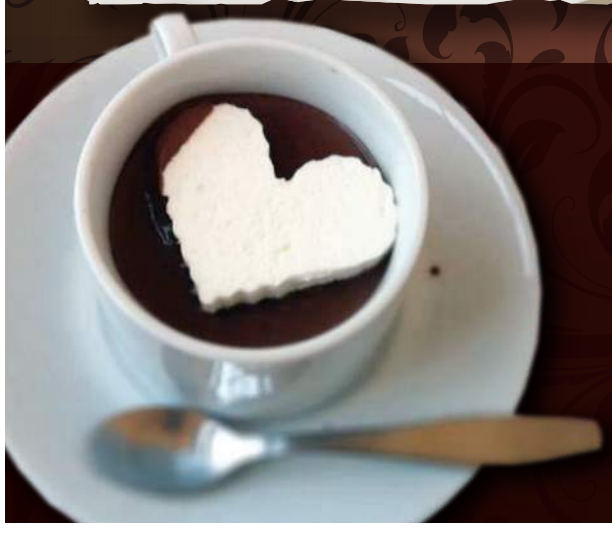

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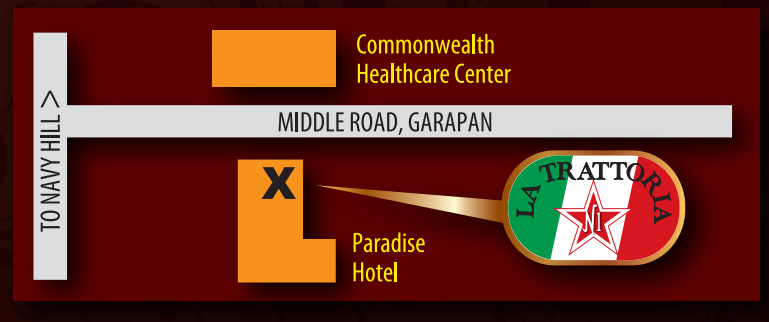

Walker elated with CHCC board decision

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REPORTER

Dr. Grant Walker was elated to learn yesterday of the decision of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board to order the organization's governing body to issue him a 90-day renewable medical privilege at the public hospital.

Walker, who is currently based in Idaho, is appreciative of the CHCC board's action, saying the ruling had just cleared his name.

"I thank the board of trustees for clearing my name and I look forward to coming back to the CNMI as soon as possible and setting up a long-term stable practice of high quality orthopedic surgery for the citizens of the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune* in a statement yesterday.

He added that, like other U.S. public hospitals, the "CHC had a board of trustees that has oversight and the final say in things."

Prior to the board's decision on Wednesday, *Saipan Tribune* learned that Walker had appealed to the board through his lawyer, Vic Torres, asking that he be granted due process.

CHCC board chair Joaquin Torres confirmed that the board received the "demand letter" from Walker's attorney last week. He did not elaborate on its content.

However, Torres said that the board's action was taken not specifically to satisfy the demand letter but ultimately to resolve outstanding issues with Walker.

Walker was hired as the hospital's orthopedic surgeon for 30 days in October last year. Prior to his contract's expiration, his medical privilege was terminated due to allegations of unprofessional misconduct and insubordination. His initial plea to the corporation's governing body to vacate the decision was denied.

To be able to continue to practice in the CNMI, Walker later applied for medical privilege at the Commonwealth Health Center as a private practitioner. The application was turned in last November. Six months since, the credentialing committee has yet to make any decision on the application. Based on policy, credentialing should take no more than 90 days.

The board, Torres said, passed the resolution after finding out that Walker was not accorded the "due process" he deserves as an applicant for medical privilege.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 25, 2006

$198M budget eyed in FY07

The administration is eyeing a $198.5 million budget for fiscal year 2007, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said. This figure mirrors the adjusted revenue estimate that the Executive Branch has put in effect since January 2006. "Based on an assessment of current government resources, I think I can safely say that we can collect up to $198.5 million," the governor said. He also expressed hope that the actual revenue collection would exceed this projection, citing "new potential investments." The Legislature's deadline for the administration to submit a budget proposal for FY2007 is May 1, 2006.

'No payless payday on Friday but...'

The administration assured government employees yesterday that they would receive their salary, although they might have to wait until Monday. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said that the Department of Finance was confident it would be able to raise enough revenues to meet the next payroll. But he also warned of a "worst-case scenario," where paychecks would be released three days late. "It was discussed in the Cabinet meeting this morning. The Finance secretary [Eloy Inos] said that, more than likely, we'll be able to squeeze it through. But of course, some sacrifices will have to be made," Reyes said. He said the administration would delay payment to some businesses providing supplies and services to the government.

April 25, 2007

Annuity for ex-governors running low

Not enough funds have been remitted to the NMI Retirement Fund for the special annuities of former governors and lieutenant governors. The Fund, which is poised to stop the payment effective this month for non remittance of funds from the central government, said that only $31,948 in special annuity funds were made available this week for the third quarter of fiscal year 2007. Fund board chair Juan T. Guerrero said yesterday that the Fund has long requested for the $54,697 in needed payment for the third quarter. "I was just told that about $31,000 has been made available but this is not enough," said Guerrero.

40 future teachers set to graduate

Forty Northern Marianas College students will be graduating next month under the college's School of Education bachelor's degree program. These 40 future teachers form part of at least 180 students who will be graduating from NMC this summer. The commencement exercises will be on May 19, to be held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The graduating Education students gathered yesterday afternoon for a debriefing on what they learned throughout their stay at the college and as student teachers deployed to some of the 20 public schools in the Commonwealth.

April 25, 2008

Marine monument nixed

The Legislature has adopted a resolution opposing the proposed marine monument in the Northern Islands. By a vote of 17-3, the House of Representatives yesterday approved a resolution asking President Bush not to unilaterally declare the Uracas, Maug, and Asuncion islands as a marine sanctuary. Representatives Tina Sablan, Heinz Hofschneider, and Edward Salas voted against the resolution. The Senate adopted the resolution unanimously earlier this week.

Ahead of the curve in no-smoking trend

While a bill that seeks to outlaw public smoking in the Northern Marianas awaits legislative approval, a handful of restaurants and bars on Saipan have already implemented either a partial or full ban on smoking inside their establishments. Aqua Resort Club's Costa Terrace Restaurant has been non-smoking since April 2007—making it a full year that the outlet has been tobacco free, according to the Achugao hotel's food and beverage sales manager Yoshimi Yanagisawa She said that nonsmokers have liked the change and are quite comfortable with the no-smoking policy at Costa Terrace. "We received a comment from a nonsmoking customer saying that eating in a smoking and enclosed area is like dining in a swimming pool so he appreciated that Aqua Resort has made the restaurant a nonsmoking establishment," she said. "We've been getting good comments on how clean the environment is, how clean the air is, and how the food no longer smells like smoke."

Environmental EXPO draws hundreds

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality kicked off its three-day Environmental EXPO last Wednesday.

BECQ coral reef project coordinator and the Environmental EXPO coordinator Avra Heller said they want to expose students to the different careers in protecting the environment as well how to protect the environment and one's own health.

"We have various agencies presenting for the students and we'll be serving all public schools in the CNMI," Heller said.

On the first day of the EXPO, students from Koblerville, San Antonio, William S. Reyes, and Garapan elementary schools were entertained. Students from Dandan, San Vicente, and Oleai elementary schools were attended to yesterday, and today will be the turn of students from Kagman, Tanapag, and Gregorio T. Camacho elementary schools.

Oleai fourth grade teacher Lota Lamberto said the Environmental EXPO is really good for students. "We can't cover all of these in the classroom. They can learn how to protect the environment and many other things, by the professionals here and they will learn awareness on the environment so they can easily know it," she said.

Lamberto's student, William Ano, 9, said he also enjoyed the Environmental EXPO. "I learned that we should protect the environment, it is important not to pollute," Ano said. He mostly enjoyed the presentations on saving the birds in the CNMI.

Other presenters drew much attention from the students such as the skeletal structures of whales that beached on Tinian and Saipan and ways to conserve energy at home. The whale skeletons most especially amazed the students.

Maryann Labasan, the mother of San Vicente fourth grader Prince Nathaniel, 10, also enjoyed the event, saying she learned so many things that she hadn't known before.

"I learned about saving power at home that will help cut costs and I am happy for this event because my son is learning about corals, fishes, and snakes and how to protect the environment," Labasan said.

Department of Public Works' Energy Division program coordinator Frances Ada said that they are teaching students to conserve energy.

"We're teaching students on what to do to conserve energy and what they can do at home to save energy by unplugging laptop chargers and cell phone chargers after use, because if it is left on the outlets it is still consuming energy," Ada said.

Division of Fish and Wildlife's Marvin Pangelinan said it is important to educate students on protecting endangered species and explained "what we have and what we will not have if poaching is continued."

Annabelle Sanchez, another fourth grade teacher at San Vicente, said this is her fifth year to attend the Environmental EXPO. She said it is important for fourth graders to share this experience because it was their first time.

Sanchez's student, Michelle Pan, 9, said that she learned not to poach anywhere and to take good care of the environment and indigenous species.

The Environmental EXPO was in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education, Environmental Management, Northern Marianas College-Environmental Natural Resources Organization, Department of Public Safety-Fire Division, DLNR, DPW, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Disney's Animals Science and Environment Program, No'Ka'Oi Termite Pest Control, and Micronesia Challenge. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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B. ***Nature of hearing.*** This hearing shall be open to the public. Oral or written statements will be received from anyone wishing to testify thereat, which statement will be incorporated into the records of the hearing.

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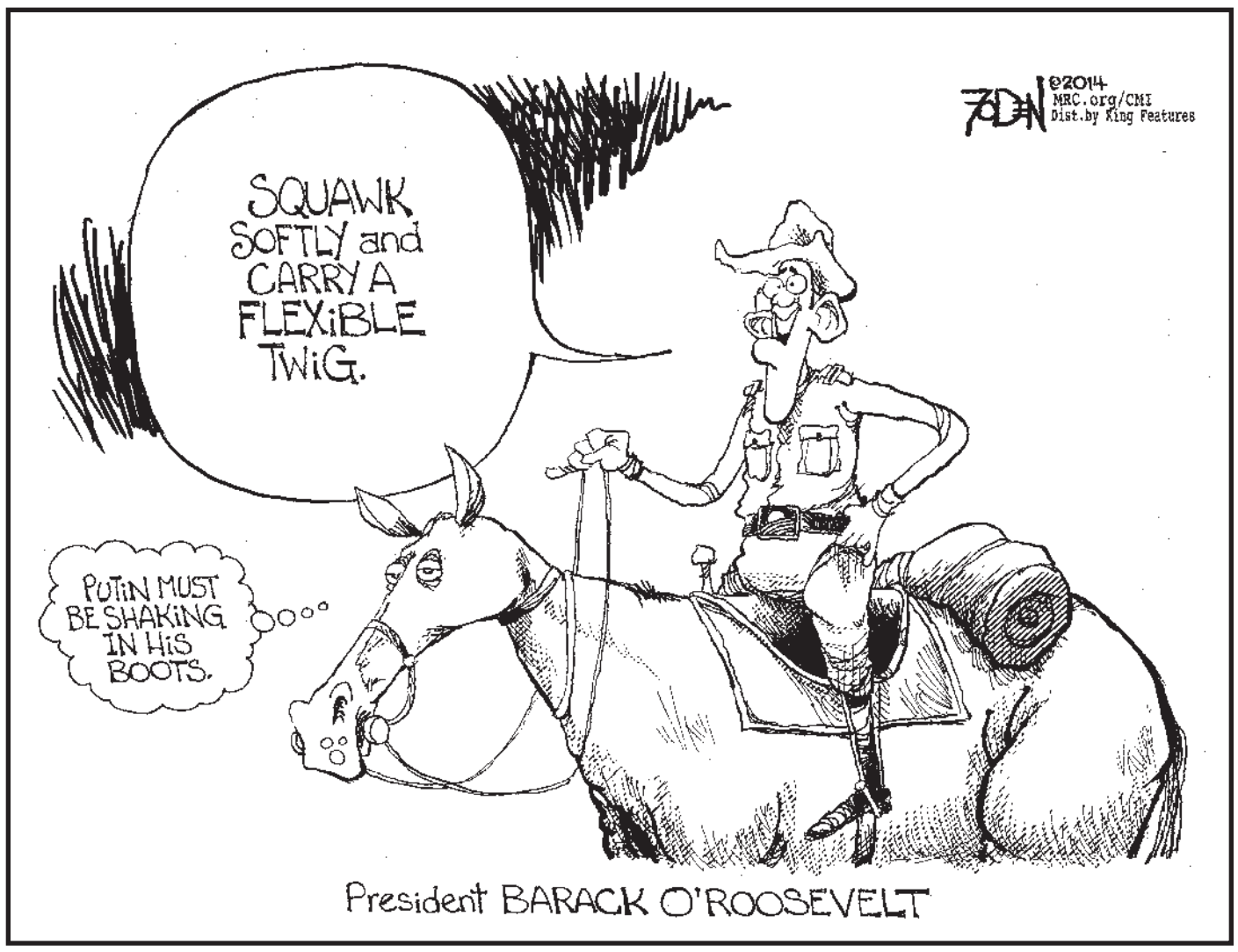
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How the world can respond to Putin

By PETER GOLDMARK
Newsday

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The Russian military buildup along the Ukrainian border and Vladimir Putin's seizure of Crimea have become pivotal moments for Western powers and NATO.

During the Cold War, the Kremlin had little doubt that if the Soviet Union attacked or invaded Europe—anywhere in Europe—it would have a full-scale conflict with NATO and the United States. Today, frankly, it's unclear what would happen if Russia seized Moldavia or, say, two cities in eastern Ukraine.

Those who say they long for the clarity and symmetry of the Cold War forget the danger of living under an international regime in which "stabilizing deterrence" was the threat to incinerate half the planet. But a new, volatile period brings dangers and instabilities of its own.

There are enclaves all over this world populated by minorities that, like Crimea, would on balance rather be part of a nation other than the one they find themselves in.

There are parts of the world with natural resources like oil or gas—such as the South China Sea—that become natural strategic objectives for surrounding countries. Energy and food will be subjects of strategic contest for many decades to come because not all countries have both, and the haves are tempted to use energy and food as instruments of coercion vs. the have-nots.

There is no international body with the strength, the legitimacy and the freedom to act that can guarantee national integrity for all countries.

The United States and Europe are both in economic difficulty, and both have sought to reduce military spending and commitments. For most of the period since World War II, the western alliances have been both dominant and stabilizing; today they are shrinking and uncertain.

And there are areas of potential international conflict that are not primarily defined by traditional geographic boundaries, such as cyberspace and China's drive to dethrone the dollar as the sole global reserve currency. On the latter, there can be little doubt that the wily Putin is probing not only China on this subject, but also fossil fuel-producing enemies of the West, since the production and sale of oil and gas are significant parts of hard-currency transactions.

Stopping expansionists like Putin and providing a stable international framework will require difficult choices, including:

Committing NATO unambiguously to defend central Europe along a clearly defined line, and establishing tripwire troop presence to underline that commitment.

Establishing a body outside the U.N. Security Council, perhaps acting on its own as an adviser to the General Assembly, composed of countries respected for their support of international stability and the rule of law, that can issue non-vetoable opinions on short notice on whether a given military action by a nation violates international law or the U.N. Charter.

Establishing an international court of arbitration to which some disputes over natural resources might be referred.

Creating an international energy fund modeled on the International Monetary Fund that would have the capacity to extend emergency short-term energy assistance as well as the resources and

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Is the US losing the tech race?

By MICHAEL S. TEITELBAUM
Los Angeles Times

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We've all heard the dire pronouncements: U.S. science and technology is losing ground to its global competitors because of a nationwide shortage of scientists and engineers, due primarily to the many failures of K-12 education. But are these gloomy assertions accurate?

Nearly all of the independent scholars and analysts who have examined the claims of widespread shortages have found little or no evidence to support them. Salaries in these occupations are generally flat, and unemployment rates are about the same or higher than in others requiring advanced education.

Science and engineering occupations are indeed crucial to modern economies, but they account for only a small part—about 5 percent—of the workforce. There is some evidence of too few professionals in certain fields that currently are hot, such as social media and petroleum engineering, or in localized hot spots such as Silicon Valley.

But in a wide range of other science and engineering fields, and in most parts of the country, the supply appears ample and sometimes excessive. In the large field of biomedical research, for example, talented young doctorates are facing daunting career challenges, with only about one in five likely to find the tenure-track academic posts to which most of them aspire.

Claims that the United States is falling behind its competitors abroad are not new. We have seen at least five fear-initiated cycles of "alarm/boom/bust" going back to World War II. Typically, the alarm is sounded that we are falling behind, policymakers rush to increase financial support for research and education, demand booms and a few years later a large new crop of scientists and engineers bursts on the scene. But then—as we have seen again and again—the boom wanes and a generation of scientists and engineers is left scrambling.

This is what happened with the aerospace boom in the 1960s, for example. Spurred in part by Sputnik and President Kennedy's call for catching up to the Soviet Union in the space race, America produced a large new generation of scientists and engineers. Initially, they found ready and exciting employment, but once the United States beat the Soviets to the moon in 1969, political passion and public funding dwindled.

It may be that we are now in the middle of another such cycle of alarm, boom and bust. This time it would be wise to evaluate the alarms soberly, proceeding with more caution than in the past.

None of this should be taken as justification to weaken efforts to improve science and math education at the K-12 and community college levels. Competence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics—the so-called STEM subjects—has become essential to success in a wide range of careers, as well as to informed citizenship in the 21st century.

U.S. schools currently produce large numbers of high-performing science and math students (about one-third of the world's total in science) but also very large numbers of students with low test scores that partly explain the less-than-stellar U.S. rankings in international comparisons. This is a reflection of educational and economic inequalities that need to be addressed energetically, but it is not a reason to urge every American student to pursue a STEM degree.

Students with talent and enthusiasm for science and engineering should be strongly encouraged to pursue their interest in such careers, and informed that most do offer higher earnings than in many humanities and arts fields. Yet they also need to know about large differences in career prospects among science and engineering specialties, and to understand that conditions can and do change dramatically over time, sometimes even during the period it takes to pursue a degree.

Given such uncertainties, students who major in science and engineering must recognize that employers value not only strong specialized skills but also broader knowledge and capabilities. They want employees who can communicate clearly with non-specialists, work effectively in multi-specialty teams and understand the basics of business and management.

Radical changes in K-12 education cannot be justified on the basis of pervasive but largely unfounded claims of widespread shortages of scientists and engineers.

That said, there are many even stronger reasons to continue to improve science and math education. At the K-12 level, special attention should be paid not only to increasing the number of high-performing schools and students but also to improving performance of students in the bottom 25%, whose math and science knowledge is below the basic minimum needed in a modern society.

At the college level, talented students majoring in science and engineering fields should keep their horizons broad, in recognition that their degrees might lead to unexpected career paths over time. And they should not be misled by exaggerated claims of shortages that ensure lucrative careers in all science and engineering occupations once they have their degrees.

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Colour my world

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Saipan is an exotic place that harbors suitably exotic languages, but instead of looking at a fancy language today, I'm up for looking at plain ol' English. It's not really as plain as it looks. For example, though American English is dominant on Saipan, the British empire left its linguistic legacy over much of the Asia-Pacific region.

And within the region, students picking up English as a second language have been known to ask if they should study the American flavor or the British flavour. Likewise, businesses, especially small ones with limited budgets for communications, sometimes want to settle on one form of English for their international needs.

I'll untie this little knot by simply slicing it with a matter of opinion: For the situations that most of us are likely to encounter, both American English and British English serve equally well. You won't find me arguing for, or against, one or the other. We're talking about the same language, after all, and the differences are slight. Of course, being slight means they have a way of sneaking into things without being noticed.

In specialized contexts, such as writing advertising copy, newspapers, magazines, text books, contracts, and such, then rules and style are tightly defined by some authority, so that's that.

Back on a general note, here in normal life, even a slob like me has to admit that it's probably a good idea to be consistent in our usage so we're not mixing American style and British style, willy-nilly, in the same piece of writing. I'll violate this approach today, however, for the sheer, delinquent thrill of it.

Anyway, some energetic people have compiled impressive lists that cover the differences between the American and British ways. Me, I'll just pick some random examples out of the blue sky.

Most of the differences that I'm aware of are small spelling issues, such as "labor" (American) vs. "labour" (British). That British "u" is present in many words.

A few spellings that trip me up to this day are, still going American vs. British here, "harbor" vs. "harbour," "defense" vs. "defence," and "center" vs. "centre."

Sometimes we're up against different terms for the same things. It's been a while since I was on British turf, so maybe things have changed, but here's some stuff I remember: Americans get on an elevator, the British get on a lift. Americans use a flashlight, the British use a torch. An American airplane uses a prop, a British one uses an airscrew.

Your American car has a hood and a trunk, your British car has a bonnet and a boot. Americans take a vacation, the British go on holiday. Americans go to the pharmacy, the British go to the chemist. And, speaking of going, Americans have a toilet, the British have a loo.

Americans drink beer, and, hey, the British drink beer, too. This is common ground that deserves celebration.

There are some grammar tweaks as well; Americans will go "toward" something, while the British will go "towards" it. I don't know why, but the British way sounds better to me on this note.

These little differences show how language evolves by creating little sprouts in various directions. A language that's not evolving is a language that's dead.

Sometimes I tripped over this stuff in public school. Most of my vocabulary came from books. Not school books, not fancy literature books, but normal books, such as novels by Alistair MacLean. Looking back on it, I realize that I read more British English than American English.

So I was absorbing a lot of British English, though the distinction did not concern me.

Ah, but it concerned my teachers. My tests and my term papers came back festooned with red marks and lousy grades. I wasn't trying to diverge from American English, I just didn't know where the divergences were.

In college, this little problem lifted like a fog bank in sunshine, since nobody who graded anything I ever wrote knew about the divergences either. We were graded on our mathematical analysis. Many of my professors were not native, or even fluent, speakers of English, nor were the teaching assistants who graded our tests. Words were mere tools to help explain problems; they weren't problems on their own.

This proved to be good training for international work where, in technical circles, the pros use language to collaborate and solve problems, not to make them. These circles are usually where the best jobs are.

As the Asia-Pacific realm continues to grow, the ability to cooperate across language barriers is going to grow in importance along with it. As we've seen, even plain old English has some potholes in it. When it comes to languages, and their inevitable bumps, we might as well enjoy the ride, since being graceful about it is the best way to get along with our fellow passengers.

Cost of living outpaces salaries

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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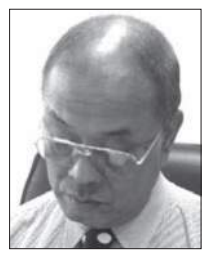

Most families have critically looked into their expenses to figure out what obligation could be sacrificed this payday until next. This is the result of leadership's negligence balancing salaries and the cost of living here. The latter has gone up by a whopping 20 percent while salaries remained stagnant!

Apparently, leadership has put on its facemask of "blind, deaf and mute" to avoid navigating the widening disparity to help simple villagers. Aren't these the people you represent who yearn for leadership, especially today?

Today, salaries are drained right into the filthy swamp of high power bills, new increases in the price of food, new increase in health insurance, $1,000 in health deductible, and other must-pay family obligations. And the guys and gals have taken shelter under rusty tin awning hoping nobody notices their hibernation. Something's seriously wrong with this widely growing disparity—salaries vs. cost of living—that are oceans apart.

Gov. Eulogio Inos braves announcing paying retirees what he's decided to defer illegally. Esteemed Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan smiles nervously as he watches how the high cost of health premium via Obamacare has viciously robbed taxpayers' of their buying power.

Kilili and his staff are exempted from it, thus the mute and dumb tiptoe through the garden of purposeful ignorance. No worries! Some 38 national Republicans have put aside differences to take Obamacare to the U.S. Supreme Court!

KiliInoscare: New health program?

No doubt, politicians pray and hope to be forgiven by voters (and I'm sure most would say "*No mas!*") as the powerful storm of change is cemented in their minds. They're recipients of hardship by negligence from "the walking dead" on the hill. Neither Kilili nor Inos has sought exemption or waiver from the feds on Obamacare. Perhaps they've turned it into KiliInoscare!

This view may poke the overly inflated ego of politicos who have neglected issues for far too long. But we know and understand with clarity what most of us have to endure in this woefully poor economic climate. How do we mitigate incompetence?

Households throughout the CNMI are literally struggling with five major expenses: basic food items, power bills, health insurance, real estate loan, and family transportation. Have you credible justification besides garbled and shallow explanations?

Under-employment

Two vital points kept weaving into mind as I keep my ears to the ground listening to the voice of our people and how leadership has failed royally at wealth and jobs creation. They are minimum wage and anchor investments. Simultaneously, there's statistics that some 52 percent of workers Marianas-wide are under-employed.

When you are "under-employed," it means you have a job that pays below the federal definition of poverty income level of $15K for singles and $24K for a family of four. We don't even have to calculate how a family of four struggles with such a salary knowing that most of its income is spent on basic groceries, high power bills, real estate loan (first family home), family car, and other must-pay obligations.

In a nutshell, the cost of living has outpaced income levels by oceans apart. You begin to quiz "what went wrong?" It's skyrocketed by 20 percent while salaries have turned into fossils for more than 10 years. No political put given that it's family pocketbooks. It's all in the palm of your hands!

Ignored anchor investment

About four years ago, an alternative energy proposal was presented to CUC that would eventually reduce power rates to appreciable levels while ensuring reliability and stability in power generation. It got nowhere except languish in political indecision.

Today we're still stuck in the filthy swamp of high power bills as local politicians head to Guam to learn about liquefied natural gas (LNG or snake oil) as though it is the savior to ease the prohibitive power rates at home. Nah! It's a costly fuel that would send the CNMI reeling for *mea culpa* as the price of LNG shoots into the heavens. I wonder if the evil geniuses from the hill understand the national and geopolitical politics of LNG?

Some six years ago another firm came in proposing to build a ship repair and building facility. We weren't sure what the humongous proposal entails and so we pushed it aside hoping for divine miracles. We refused to understand the lasting economic stability and prosperity it offers the CNMI as one of several anchor investments. Look at the fiscal impotence of the CNMI today!

Dismissing Saipan as airline hub

Earlier, under a certain governor and CPA, we slammed Continental Airlines (United) the political arrogance we should have treated with red carpet treatment. It simply got up and moved to Guam establishing it as its hub. Gee! The dumb price of political arrogance stuffed in immaturity victimizing taxpayers in perpetuity.

In short, if we have had truly competent leadership then who were committed to enhancing the livelihood of our people, the Saipan International Airport would be humming with additional businesses supporting the airline industry today.

The new energy and ship repair facilities would have opened up over 1,000 jobs, paying each trainee some $7.50 per hour from initial training sessions through to completion. It's a repeat of the boom years, only this time the anchor investments would be here permanently. But we've missed it once more, didn't we? The concept is known as "wealth and jobs creation."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio

Dear Pete: I wrote to you expressing my views and thoughts about our public land matters and I feel as if I don't exist. Plus, I was hoping to read your response to Nick's letter. Trust me, there's thousands of inquiring minds that want to hear from you. Why are you treating public lands like it is your family's property? The way you're doing things only makes me question your ability and credibility. What on earth is happening to you? Anyway, what's the truth to the rumors that you're playing free golf with your buddies? Is it just free game? Or is there more to it? Stop this nonsense, Pedro, and do the right thing! Just to let you know, you are not only the talk of the town but at almost every picnic table. I challenge you to report to the owners (CNMI people) of the changes to these leases. What is our benefit, investor benefit, and especially your benefit, if any? And please don't ignore me because we are your boss, too. *Si yu'us maase.*

Edwardo K. Peter
Garapan, Saipan

HOW

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know-how to help countries develop long-term policies for energy independence. (A similar function for food could be housed in existing international agencies, such as the World Food Program, with relatively minor modifications to their charter and function.)

The expansionist autocrats, including Putin, are asking themselves whether any countries are willing to back with force a post-Cold War system of rules and institutions that will limit "neighborhood" aggression and provide structures to contain disputes over food and natural resources.

This challenge requires more than the silence and incoherence the West has shown thus far.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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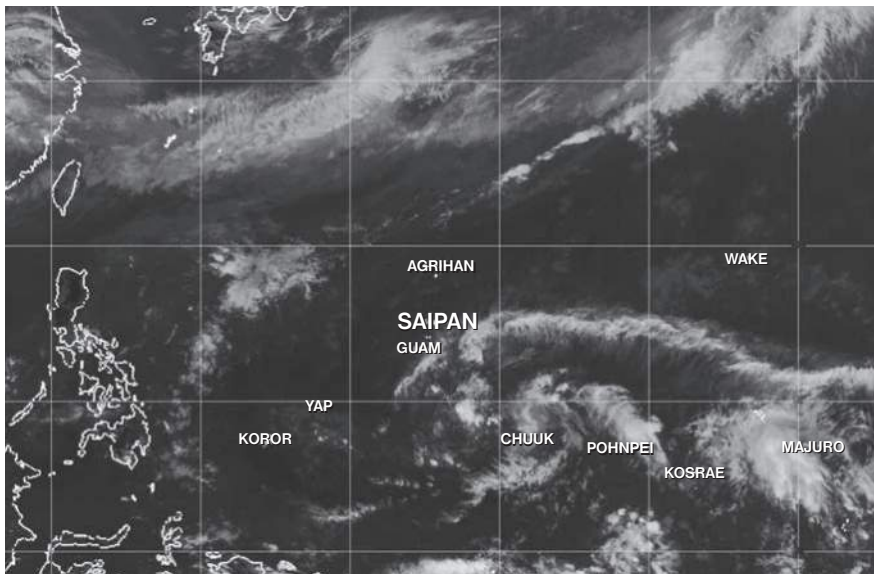
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Majuro	Partly CLoudy	▲83	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼49
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼72
London	Showers	▲65	▼47
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼51
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84	▼71
New York	Showers	▲59	▼48
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼52
Paris	Rain	▲64	▼46
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼55
Salem	Showers	▲56	▼37
San Francisco	Showers	▲54	▼46
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲76	▼55
Tokyo	Sunny	▲71	▼56
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲69	▼51

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough runs southeastward from 7N130E to a tropical disturbance centered just southeast of Weno Island in Chuuk state near 6N156E to end at 2N167E. Scattered showers are found near Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae states south of line from 8N150E to 10N152E to 12N156 to 6N162E. A cold front extends southwestward from 25N152E and continues as a stationary front that curves west south of Iwo To island at 20N141E to beyond 130E at 20N. Patchy clouds with isolated showers and thunderstorms are found 200 miles north this boundary. Converging winds south of this feature are producing scattered showers and few thunderstorms 200 miles north of a line from 12N131E to 16N133E to 25N152E. Converging trade winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Kosrae and the Marshall Islands in an area between 2N and 11N from 163E to the dateline.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:35 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
5:33 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Sunday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Monday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Tuesday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:37 AM	2:52 PM
Saturday	3:23 AM	3:48 PM
Sunday	4:09 AM	4:44 PM
Monday	4:54 AM	5:40 PM
Tuesday	4:54 AM	5:40 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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'70s theme to celebrate Mariana Resort's 36th year

Mariana Resort & Spa Saipan will celebrate its 36th anniversary Saturday night with a '70s theme party.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dust off the platform shoes and bell-bottoms, as Mariana Resort & Spa Saipan gives everyone a trip down memory lane when it celebrates its 36th anniversary Saturday night.

The Marpi landmark will be treating over 300 invited guests tomorrow evening to a retro party to rival no other, with Mariana Resort wait staff wearing fashion trends made famous by John Travolta in ***Saturday Night Fever*** and the resort's décor mimicking the lights and sounds of the disco era's Studio 54.

Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh said what better way to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the Marpi landmark than to throw a '70s theme party since the resort was established in 1978.

"We really want to recreate the whole disco atmosphere so it will be very lively. Our staff will be in '70s costume and some will even be wearing afros. Guests can dress in costume if they want to but they're not obliged to."

The "Let's bring you back to 1978" theme also comes complete with a disc jockey that will churn out hits from that era.

Also part of the evening's headliners are Esther Sablan's dancers. Mariana Resort property manager Charlene Babauta said the group will perform a 5-10 minute show for everyone to enjoy.

Executive chef William Retardo said they will not be sparing any expense with the party food and are now preparing a buffet spread comparable if not exceeding the one they set up during the grand opening of Mariana Ocean months back.

"We will be having local food, a lot of seafood, sushi, teppanyaki items, and everyone's favorite, my specialty paella. There will also be free-flowing wine, beer, and champagne all night. More or less the party will cost $12,000—the same cost as the Mariana Ocean grand opening," Retardo said.

Cavanagh said she's very sure the people who showed up the last time during the Mariana Ocean grand opening will show up again in tomorrow evening's anniversary party.

She also guaranteed that the formalities will be kept to a minimum, with only two speeches scheduled that evening: Gov. Eloy S. Inos' and owner Yoshihiro Kitami's.

"Like the last party, there won't be long speeches. We just want everybody to enjoy. Only two speakers—the governor and Kitami—and that's it. Let's party!"

Yoshihiro Kitami's father and founder of Mariana Resort, Haruo Kitami, will be joined by his two brothers, Naoki and Takeo, during the celebration, as well as Akira Kanematsu, who has been one of the instrumental figures in the establishment of the hotel.

"The dedication and the loyalty of the Kitami family has always set Mariana Resort apart from other hotels on Saipan. In fact, we're the only Japanese company that has never left. We've been here during good times, bad times, and the worse times and they never at any point in time thought about selling the place. This is their home," said Cavanagh.

Mariana Resort will also use the 36th anniversary party to announce future plans.

"It's time for us to expand and re-look at our master plan and get moving. Of course, one of the reasons is the lease. When you say we're 36 years in operation that means we only have four years left on the 40-year lease. We're in the middle of negotiations and hopefully we'll get a new lease. We're discussing with DPL [Department of Public Lands] right now and we're starting on our architectural design on expansion," said Cavanagh.

Also in the pipeline is Mariana Resort's entry into the electronic gaming scene, with part of its former outdoor restaurant being retrofitted for that purpose. Cavanagh said they're looking at holding another grand opening for their e-gaming facility in July.

Babauta, meanwhile, assured that tomorrow night's guests wouldn't have a dull moment. "I Hope guests who come here Saturday will see the improvements that we made and the efforts we are making to make this place great not only for the tourists but also for our local guests." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Habitual offender sentenced for domestic violence

An ex-convict who beat up his girlfriend while she was holding their 2-month-old baby was slapped with a maximum one-year prison sentence.

In a written judgment this week, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered Sidney C. Kani to serve the one-year sentence without the possibility of parole. Kani, 33, was given credit for time served.

Kani pleaded guilty to assault and battery as part of a plea deal. He was represented by assistant public defender Eden Schwartz.

According to court records, on Jan. 2, 2014, Kani pushed his girlfriend, pulled her hair, slapped her face, and shoved her against the wall at their apartment unit in Tanapag, in the presence of their two young children.

Schwartz had recommended no more than eight months imprisonment and probation to allow Kani to get the help he needs to become a more loving partner and father.

Schwartz said the long-term girlfriend has no desire to prosecute this case and in fact wrote on March 3, 2014, to the prosecutor, expressing her wish that the government dismiss the case and allow the family to get back together.

Schwartz said the victim was not treated for any injuries in connection with this case.

Police, however, said the girlfriend's lip was swollen and the right side of her face had scratches.

Police said the infant the woman was carrying was also injured when the power cord line of an electric fan hit the shoulder of the baby. The infant was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment of bruises and scratches on the left shoulder.

In July 2008, Kani was arrested for allegedly beating up his girlfriend and three other persons at a residence in As Matuis.

In December 2007, police arrested Kani for allegedly beating up his then minor girlfriend at their apartment in Tanapag.

In July 2000, Kani pleaded guilty in federal court to two counts of interference with commerce by robbery in connection with two robbery cases at a poker arcade and a store. He was sentenced to prison. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

WICHE information session on April 30

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting an information session next Wednesday for those interested in learning more about the Western Interstate Commerce for Higher Education, or WICHE, and the programs that it administers for college students.

The information session will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Room D1 (across NMC Bookstore) on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. There is no fee to participate in the session.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education is a regional organization that, until recently, had 15 member states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The CNMI became the 16th member of WICHE last year with support from the CNMI governor and members of the Legislature.

The organization works to improve access to higher education and ensure student success.

Among other benefits, membership in WICHE allows CNMI students who are pursuing their college degree to be eligible for reduced tuition rates at 2- and 4- year public postsecondary institutions like California State University, University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Boise State University, Washington State University, and other universities and colleges in the western U.S.

For graduate students (those pursuing a master's or doctorate degree), WICHE's "Western Regional Graduate Program" enables students to enroll in more than 250 graduate programs and pay the resident tuition rate, instead of the non-resident rate that an out-of-state student would normally pay.

For more information about WICHE or the planned information session, contact Christine Inos at 237-6782 or email christine.inos@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Election Commission open tomorrow

The Commonwealth Election Commission Office in Susupe will be open on Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 8am to 4pm for registration of CNMI residents who would like to register to vote for the 2014 general election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014.

As initiative(s) regarding Article 7 of the NMI Constitution will also be on the November ballot, registration for Northern Marianas Descent Registry will also be accepted.

CNMI residents who wish to register to vote must provide a copy of a valid U.S. passport or a certificate of live birth as proof of U.S. citizenship. Those who wish to register for the Northern Marianas Descent Registry must provide a copy of their certificate of live birth. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Election Commission office at 664-VOTE (8683). ***(PR)***

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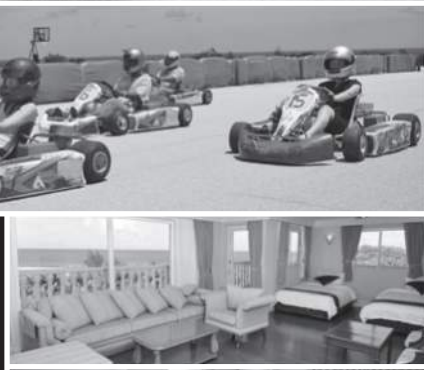
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Third NMC Parent Summit sees low turnout

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

About 200 chairs lined the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom but most of them sat empty, with only 50 parents, including students, from Marianas High School attending Northern Marianas College's Parent Summit on Tuesday night.

Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, said they were aware of the challenges they faced while planning the summit for parents of graduating high school seniors.

"Based on experience working with high school students, I know that parents in the upper grade levels become less and less involved. We did not anticipate a lot… we knew this was going to be an uphill battle from the get go," he said.

Pangelinan

He added that posters about the event were put up around the island, advertisements in the newspapers were made, and he even personally made phone calls inviting parents to the event.

According to Pangelinan, the summit was made possible through the College Access Challenge Grant, a federally funded program that allows them to conduct college preparatory activities like the summit.

The goal of the summit is to provide parents with information and resources they need to help their child prepare for and succeed in college after graduation.

MHS senior Carlo Ocaya thanks the summit for giving him more knowledge of why NMC is the right place to "start smart." Ocaya, who plans to attend NMC for two years, said he will hopefully move to a bigger college or university after completing his studies on Saipan to become a computer engineer.

His mother, Catherine, told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview that she attended the summit because she needed more information about some of the requirements to get her son into the community college.

"Now we have more information and I think the college should definitely have more events like this," she said. She added that she was also not expecting a low turnout. She suggested that the college do more advertisements, "because more parents should attend this."

The summit featured various students and college officials' speakers. NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart explained the benefits of higher education and presented an overview of the value of a college degree.

Hart told the parents that they play the number one role of influencing where their child goes to school after high school.

Manny Castro, director of the Office of Admissions and Records, also spoke about why students should start at NMC, its degree program accreditation, and the new WICHE program.

Castro noted that although the aim is to help students transition to NMC, they are more than happy to find financial resources for students who choose to seek higher education elsewhere.

The event also featured a student panel and other presentations that introduced a dialogue about student financial responsibility, college costs, financial aid, and the College Access Challenge Grant.

Another parent at the event described the summit as "helpful." "Unlike back then we had to do our own research and get information ourselves. Tonight gives us everything we need to know. Without this summit I would not be as informed as I am now about my child's options after he graduates," she added.

NMC's weeklong string of parent summits for high schools began on Monday, April 21, 2014, at Pacific Islands Club, for parents of Saipan Southern High School seniors, followed by one at Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, for parents of Kagman High School (Kagman, Papago, Capitol Hill) seniors. Yesterday's was held at Aqua Resort Club, for parents of Kagman High School (San Roque, As Matuis, Tanapag) seniors. Next week's schedule is as follows:

- Monday, April 28, 2014, at Rota's Bayview Hotel, for parents of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School seniors.
- Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, for parents of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School seniors.

All Parent Summits are held from 5pm to 7:30pm. Light refreshments are served.

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Inos, Hofschneider ink 2014 MMAC proclamation

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The 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer committee, Gov. Eloy Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Commonwealth Cancer Association board members, and major and title sponsors attend the proclamation signing that declared April 27 to May 3 as Marianas March Against Cancer Week.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider jointly signed the 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer proclamation at the Bank of Guam in Garapan yesterday morning.

Inos and Hofschneider proclaimed April 27 to May 3 as Marianas March Against Cancer Week, to educate the community about cancer and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments and prevention programs, and how "cancer can be beaten."

"I'd like to congratulate the board, volunteers, donors, and hosts for keeping up with the annual event and their continuous support," Inos said.

The MMAC was first established in 2002, with the first event held in 2003. Back then, it was called "Relay for Life."

Manny Borja, the 2014 MMAC overall chair, noted, however, that unlike Relay for Life, funds raised during the MMAC remain within the CNMI. "Funds are transferred to the CCA, which implements the programs for cancer support within the CNMI," he added.

The proclamation signing was witnessed by Commonwealth Cancer Association board members, sponsors, committees, and team members. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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Talking With takes center stage tonight at MCS

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

A special show featuring the talents of Mount Carmel School AlumKnights and parents of current Knights will take center stage tonight at the school's auditorium beginning at 7pm.

The tagline, "What happens when people stop being polite and start getting real," used for MTV's *The Real World*, could very well apply to tonight's production of *Talking With*, a series of monologues inspired by the original play of the same title by Jane Martin.

Tonight's show, while not polite due to its mature content, will be no less riveting and moving as seven women take the stage to give voice to seven unique characters with funny, emotional, and very real stories.

The production is the brainchild of 1989 AlumKnight Yvonne "Boni" R. Pangelinan. The idea came to her in December last year when the school launched its "Save the Stage" campaign to repair and renovate the school's historic stage.

Watching the school's Christmas program, at which the campaign was announced, Pangelinan remembered all her years performing on the school's stage. She was inspired to network with other AlumKnights to stage a benefit performance to help with the "Save the Stage" campaign.

Reflecting on this inspiration, Pangelinan said, "I'm happiest when I'm busy creating and giving. Whether it's a dish for my family, getting neck deep in ribbons and tape, or doing something for someone who

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1992 AlumKnight Marissa Flores rehearses her piece for *Talking With*.

will never be able to repay me, I think that pretty much sums up what being a Knight means to me, service to others and the living expression of religion."

Over the next several months, Pangelinan assembled a cast of seven actresses, including herself, to take on Jane Martin's famous play. Besides herself, the cast includes 1994 AlumKnight Roxanne Diaz, 1992 AlumKnight Marissa Flores, 1994 AlumKnight Maisie Bermudes Tenorio, 1989 AlumKnight Charlotte Cepeda, parent Linda Muña, and 1990 AlumKnight Rosemond Santos. To help the play resonate with a local audience, the cast localized their pieces, and Pangelinan went so far as to write an entirely new piece called "Ladypipes."

When asked about the experience of staging *Talking With*, the cast shared an appreciation for working together on such an important project.

Flores said, "This path has led me to stand alongside these amazing women who, like me, have a story."

Echoing Flores' sentiment, Cepeda said, "My heart smiles at the meaningful tears and heartfelt laughter shared as we unknowingly yet willingly created lifelong memories while both in and out of character."

Likewise, Tenorio said, "I will be forever thankful for the amazing women I had the honor of sharing the stage with tonight."

Talking With will be shown tonight at Mount Carmel School's auditorium in a special "in-the-round" stage. Admission is $20. Due to the show's mature content, parental discretion is strongly advised. For more information, call 234-6184, email bherealways@gmail.com, or visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com.

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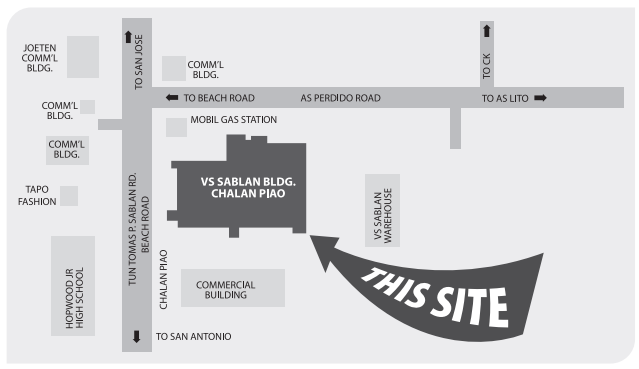

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Candidates and members of the CNMI Republican Party joined community members and supporters at the Saipan Veterans Memorial Park on Tuesday, April 22, for an afternoon of tree planting.

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GOP bets, members plant trees at veterans cemetery

Candidates and members of the CNMI Republican Party joined community members and supporters at the Saipan Veterans Memorial Park on Tuesday, April 22, for an afternoon of tree planting and conservation conversations in celebration of Environmental Awareness Month and Earth Day. It was a busy day for green thumbs.

"Trees are a lasting legacy that we can give to future generations. The beauty of our islands is our treasure and our responsibility," said Gov. Eloy S. Inos. "Senate President Ralph Torres, the GOP candidates, and I are grateful for this chance to join with the community to do our part in creating a more beautiful island."

On March 31, Inos signed the official proclamation declaring April 2014 as Environmental Awareness Month in the CNMI. April 22 marks the 44th anniversary of Earth Day, which was first celebrated in 1970 as a way to encourage young people to think about their responsibility to the environment. Since then the celebration has grown worldwide and is now internationally recognized as a significant influence on major ecological and environmental issues.

Among the incumbent GOP candidates at the ceremony was Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, who stated that environmental awareness is "a responsibility for each and every one of us. Planting trees is one way to keep our islands beautiful, prevent soil erosion, and create more shade."

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, a GOP Senate candidate, noted that "our trees are an important part to both the sustainability of our ecosystem and of the natural beauty that benefits tourists and residents alike."

Also at the planting were GOP Precinct 1 candidates Joseph "Lee Pan" Deleon Guerrero and Richard Seman as well as GOP Precinct 3 candidate Vicente Camacho who lent a hand in landscaping the popular recreational park. Deleon Guerrero observed that, "Politics aside, the environment and our attention to our precious natural resources is something that everyone can get behind. This is our community and Congressman Seman, Mr. Camacho and I are happy to join in and make a lasting contribution to our environment."

These community leaders and citizens alike all agreed in their common hope that each tree and bush they planted this day will take root, and in the words of GOP Precinct 3 candidate Maryann "Meng" Borja-Arriola, "contribute positively to the lasting beautification of our islands."

For more information about the CNMI Republican Party, the Republican candidates for this 2014 election season and for future events, visit www.cnmigop.org or visit the GOP Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gopcnmi. ***(GOP)***

1 Saipan beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the DPW Channel Bridge on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this location contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Guam woman charged with fatally stabbing husband

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A 33-year-old mother is being held on $500,000 bond after police say she fatally stabbed her common-law husband in their Toto apartment.

Amor Litulumar Balbin was arrested Tuesday night and charged with murder after police found Stanfield Albert stabbed on his couch.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports that the criminal complaint says two other adults were in the apartment when the alleged crime occurred. They both told police Balbin stabbed Albert and then fled, according to the complaint.

A neighbor told police that she knocked on his door asking for help. "I did something wrong," she allegedly told the neighbor.

The suspect's younger brother, Anres Balbin, who lives in the apartment, told the newspaper that his sister had become more emotional and quick to anger since having her two children, who are both younger than 2. A messy house or unwashed dishes could set her off, he said, but added that the couple had a good relationship and that he could not comprehend her stabbing her husband.

The brother described Albert as a stocker at the 7-Day Supermarket in Yona who was friendly and generous, cooking for others and loaning money to people in need. The 38-year-old father was "a very good guy" who was "always helping," Anres Balbin said.

Amor Balbin allegedly stabbed Albert at around 9pm. Tuesday. He was pronounced dead an hour later at Naval Hospital, police said.

ROAD WAVING HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Press secretary Angel Demapan, a candidate for House of Representatives member for Precinct 1 under the Republican Party, joins other GOP candidates and supporters in waving at passing motorists near the Shell Dandan service station intersection in Dandan late Wednesday afternoon. GOP's Precinct 1 candidates, along with Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and other bets, held a road waving in the area, the first of many leading to the November polls.

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ESGR honors Saipan employers

Employer awardees pose for a photo with ESGR officials on Wednesday night at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom.
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"When service member employees leave for long periods of time to train or deploy to where the President requires them to go, a heavy burden is placed on their employers to hold down the fort," according to David J. Sablan, state chair of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for Guam and the CNMI. That means employers have to adapt when those service member employees are away for long periods of time.

On Wednesday night, the ESGR hosted its annual Employer Awards dinner at the Saipan World Resort to recognize supportive employers of the CNMI's Guard and Reserve members.

The CNMI has approximately 130 service members primarily in the U.S Army Reserve. Sixteen of the guardsmen from the CNMI returned last year after a 10-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Wednesday night's event recognized employers such as the CNMI Public School System, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and Commonwealth Utility Corp. The awardees were nominated by current service member employees and their spouses who felt that their employers deserve to be recognized for their service and support.

The CNMI Public School System received the most Supportive Employer Award.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said that PSS has a total of 32 reservists under its "Heroes to Teachers" program, which began in 1998.

"They are very committed when these individuals work with us," she said. "We are really fortunate to have these committed service members. The program is called 'Heroes to Teachers' but they definitely remain heroes."

Other than bringing these reservists within the school system, the program offers them the opportunity to earn their degree and become highly qualified, Sablan said.

Six other employers were also honored and presented with the State Chair's Above and Beyond Award. The award is given to those who have gone above and beyond the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. The recipients stand out by signing Statements of Support, educating employees on the law, ensuring employees returning from military service are afforded missed opportunities, recognizing the military service of its employees, and communicating with deployed employees and families to ensure needs are met.

The recipient employers are the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., CNMI PSS-Hopwood Junior High School, Department of Finance, Division of Customs, Delta Management Corp., and IT&E.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that it is important not only for the community but for the country to hire guardsmen and reservists.

"We are glad to have a structure to do what we can as employers. It is critical to have the employer support. We are glad to help out whenever we can," he said.

Flight surgeon John Tudela said that working at the Commonwealth Health Center gives him the support he needs. "It is a good feeling to come back and know that your job is still there and people still care about what you did."

CHC Department of Medicine chair Dr. Joel Smith said the more he gets to learn about the employees, the more admiration he has for them.

"I am very supportive of the service members. I am happy to have them do both their military service and medical service. The community needs them," he added.

Maj. Josephine Blas, Guam Air National Guard member and Program Administrator for the ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee Office, said the event is a way for the organization to say thank you to all service members who fought and continue to fight for our freedom. "If it were not for employers' commitment and devotion to the duty of the people in uniform we would not be able to enjoy our way of life," she added.

The ESGR is an office within the U.S Department of Defense under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Its mission is to elicit the support of employers and the community in general for service members, especially those in the Guard and Reserve. The organization also promotes and encourages the employment of guardsmen and reservists. A total of 2,700 guards and reservists are currently in Guam and the CNMI.

According to Sablan, 16 percent of them are unemployed—a number more than double than the national average. ESGR also has a "Heroes 2 Hire" program and website that helps connect service members and employees.

Did you know that between 2006 and 2014, there were over 32 turtle shells recovered by DFW Enforcement Officers?

Four of these shells were from mature adult green turtles, while the remaining were from immature juvenile turtles ranging in age from 7 to 17 years. Green sea turtles begin to reproduce at age 30 (or 32 inches in shell length). When they are killed before they have a chance to reproduce, the species population declines

To report sick, injured, or dead turtles, please call our stranding hotline at **287-8537 (CTR-TLES)** or DFW Enforcement at **989-6095**. CNMI turtles are a shared community resource connecting our people's past with our people's future. Help us to conserve sea turtles so future generations may be able to enjoy them also.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

II. Public Comments[1]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. BOE-NMC BOR Ad Hoc
   b. FPA
   c. ISA
   d. LIA
   e. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program Report
   c. Other matters

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
1. Head Start Program Five Year Non-Competitive Grant Application SY2014-2015 (Year 1)
2. Head Start Program Self-Assessment Report for SY2013-2014
3. Head Start Program Community Assessment Report for SY2013-2014
4. Ratification of Proclamation on School Library Month
5. Ratification – Letter of Commitment re Application for Funding to Complete the Chamorro-English Dictionary & Create Other Vernacular Materials to U.S. HHS ANA
6. Ratification – MOU with U.S. HHS ANA to Support Project Leliya Akkabwung (Places of Learning)

VI. Executive Session[2]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel
3. Other matters

VII. Administrative Matters

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

[1]Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Russian social media CEO quits, flees country

MOSCOW (AP)—The founder of Russia's leading social media network—a wunderkind often described as Russia's Mark Zuckerberg—has left his post as CEO and fled the country as cronies of President Vladimir Putin have made steady inroads into the company's ownership. The slow-motion ouster of Pavel Durov from the network known as VKontakte, or "In Contact," is the latest sign that independent media outlets in Russia have become increasingly imperiled. Although months in the making, the loss of Durov's leadership in VKontakte means that the space for free speech on the Russian web could shrink even further. Users on VKontakte were even spreading jokes this week that the new nickname for the "In Contact" website should be "In Censorship." As one of his final acts of defiance, Durov posted online last week what he said were documents from the security services, demanding personal details from 39 Ukraine-linked groups on VKontakte, also known as VK.

Apple increases stock buyback, will split stock

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is doling out more of its cash to shareholders and preparing to split its stock for the first time in nine years in an attempt to win back investors fretting about the iPhone maker's slowing sales growth and pace of innovation. The moves announced Wednesday as part of Apple's fiscal second-quarter earnings report are aimed at boosting the company's stock price, which has been hovering about 25 percent below the peak it reached in September 2012. The bellwether Standard & Poor's 500 has climbed by 28 percent during the same period.

FCC to propose pay-for-priority Internet standards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Federal Communications Commission is set to propose new open Internet rules that would allow content companies to pay for faster delivery over the so-called "last mile" connection to people's homes, but enhance scrutiny of such deals so they don't harm competition or limit free speech. That's according to a senior FCC official familiar with the matter who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is to present the proposed rules to the other commissioners on Thursday.

Spy plane outlasts Cold War, but not defense cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U-2 spy plane outlasted the Cold War, outlived its successor and proved crucial a half-century ago when two superpowers were on the brink of nuclear war. But defense cuts now threaten to knock the high-flying reconnaissance aircraft out of the sky. The Air Force wants to gradually retire the fleet of 32 "Dragon Lady" planes, which can soar to an altitude of 70,000 feet, collect intelligence on North Korea and Russia and rapidly send the data to U.S. commanders. That's a critical capability, given North Korea's unpredictable leader, Kim Jong Un, and Russia's emboldened president, Vladimir Putin. The Air Force says the unmanned aerial vehicle Global Hawk can do the job, and in an era of smaller, deficit-driven budgets, the Pentagon cannot afford both the plane and the drone.

Nation

Teen missed Africa, had no clue he was in Maui

HONOLULU (AP)—Long flights can leave anyone a little unsteady, but a teenager who defied the odds, surviving a flight from California to Hawaii tucked in a jetliner's wheel well, was disoriented, thirsty and could barely walk after the freezing, low-pressure ordeal, airport officials said Wednesday.

Security video of his arrival shows the 15-year-old boy dangling his feet for about 15 seconds from the wheel well before jumping 8 to 10 feet to the ground, landing on his feet and immediately collapsing Sunday morning, Maui District Airport Manager Marvin Moniz said.

Staggering toward the front of the plane, the soft-spoken boy in a San Francisco Giants hoodie asked a ramp agent for a drink of water, setting in motion federal and local law enforcement investigations, national calls for better airport security and a flurry of speculation about how anyone could survive such a perilous trip.

Abdilahi Yusuf Abdi, who said he is the boy's father, told Voice of America Wednesday that his son—who is still hospitalized in Honolulu—missed Africa, where they used to live, and had been struggling in school.

Abdi said he learned of the perilous journey Sunday when he got a call from police in Hawaii, but he couldn't understand how he got to Maui and asked them to contact the San Jose Police Department.

"When I watched the analysis about the extraordinary and dangerous trip of my son on local TVs and that Allah had saved him, I thanked God and I was very happy," Abdi said.

The Associated Press was unable to reach Abdi, who airport officials say drives a taxi.

After the boy was discovered in Maui, FBI and Transportation Security Administration investigators questioned him and fed him like a local with teriyaki meatballs and rice from an airport restaurant and a box of Maui macadamia nut cookies. The teen, whose name has not been released, said he had been in an argument at home, went to the airport, and got onto the first plane he came to.

"He didn't realize he was in Maui—not at all," Moniz said.

The boy told officials he evaded what was supposed to be a multi-layered airport security system in San Jose by climbing a fence.

That hasn't surprised airport security experts, who say that for all the tens of billions of dollars the nation has spent screening passengers and their bags, few airports made a comparable investment to secure the airplanes parked on the tarmac.

"No system is foolproof," said San Jose International Airport aviation director Kim Aguirre. "Certainly as we learn more, if we see any gaping holes, we will work to fill them."

Aguirre said a perimeter search found no holes or crawl spaces in the barbed-wire fence surrounding the 1,050-acre airport.

Santa Clara High School Principal Gregory Shelby sent a note Tuesday to staff saying the teen has been in the U.S. for about four years, speaks English as his second language and had transferred into the district five weeks earlier, according to Jennifer Dericco, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clara Unified School District.

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS FOR CPA PROJECT NO. RFP-007-14

PASSENGER LOADING BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SERVICE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide the CPA with Passenger Loading Bridge Maintenance at the Saipan International Airport.

PROJECT LOCATION: All work shall take place at the Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The scope of work will consist of all necessary preventive maintenance services and on-call repair of six (6) Jetway Passenger Loading Bridges and related equipment at the Saipan International Airport.

OBTAINING RFP DOCUMENTS AND ADDENDA: The RFP document will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd, Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning March 21, 2014. Firm must register with the Office of the Executive Director upon obtaining the RFP Package.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT: This solicitation has been developed in the Request for Proposals (RFP) format. Accordingly, firms should take note that multiple factors as identified in the RFP package will be considered by the Evaluation Committee to determine which proposal best meets the requirements set forth in the RFP document. The CPA reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of any resulting contract. Final Contract award, if any, will be made by the Commonwealth Ports Authority Contracting Officer. The selected firm will be required to comply with all insurance and license requirements of the CPA.

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Saipan International Airport Departure Building Conference Room located on the second floor at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 4th, 2014 and will include a tour of the Airport Loading Bridges to acquaint prospective Proposers with site conditions. Temporary SIDA badges will be provided for the tour. **Attendance is strongly encouraged.**

Failure of a Proposer to attend the pre-proposal conference shall constitute acceptance of all pre-existing site conditions and shall constitute a waiver of any and all future claims relating to said conditions. No variation in a proposal submitted shall be permitted based on claim ignorance.
This will be the only site visit scheduled.

DEADLINE: All proposals must be received by the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location by 4:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Friday, APRIL 25th, 2014. The receiving time in the Executive Director's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of Proposals. All other forms of Proposal submissions will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects of said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

PROPOSALS VALIDITY: The Proposer shall guarantee that all contents of their proposal shall be valid for a period of 120 calendar days from the due date of proposals.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW14-RFP-002

Topographic and As-Built Survey of Marpo Heights Road Subdivision

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the ***Topographic and As-Built Survey of Marpo Heights Road Subdivision, Tinian,*** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with §70-30.3-305 of the regulation.

Prior to being awarded a contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Request for Proposal and Scope of Work is available on or after ***April 11, 2014*** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, Suite 207, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan.

A ***Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference*** is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, Room 212, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center on April 30, 2014 . Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 2:30 p.m. local time May 07, 2014.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than ten (10) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only sub-consultants may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. ***Qualifications of Principal(s) and Staff assigned to the Project - 40%***
2. ***Experience and Past Performance of Firm (s) on similar Project - 35%***
3. ***Response to Request For Proposal - 15%***
4. ***Cost - 10%***

Sealed proposals must be marked "**DPW14-RFP-002**". For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 14, 2014, to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a. **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 14, 2014, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 14, 2014 and must be received no later than May 21, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ VICENTE C. CABRERA
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

World

Obama calls for peaceful end to island dispute

TOKYO (AP)—President Barack Obama said Thursday that he wants to see a dispute between China and Japan over islands in the East China Sea resolved peacefully, while affirming that America's mutual security treaty with Japan applies to the islands.

"Historically they have been administered by Japan and we do not believe that they should be subject to change unilaterally," Obama said at a news conference with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. "What is a consistent part of the alliance is that the treaty covers all territories administered by Japan."

China and Japan have conflicting claims to the remote islands, called Senkaku by Japan and Diaoyu by China. The dispute has badly strained relations between the two Asian powers.

A U.S.-Japan defense treaty requires Washington to come to Japan's defense if it is attacked. Obama said his defense of that treaty is not a new position.

Obama

"The treaty between the U.S. and Japan preceded my birth, so obviously this isn't the red line that I'm drawing," the president said.

A Chinese government spokesman has said China has "indisputable sovereignty" over the islands and that "the so-called Japan-U.S. alliance" should not harm China's territorial rights.

Obama said he wants the maritime issue to be worked out "through dialogue." He urged the two sides to "keep the rhetoric low."

"It would be a profound mistake to continue to see escalation around this issue instead of dialogue," Obama said he told Abe during a private meeting.

While China is not on Obama's eight-day itinerary in Asia, leaders in Beijing are closely watching the president's tour. Obama's advisers insist that the trip—and the White House's broader Asia policy—is not designed to counter China's growing power, and they say the president is not asking Asian nations to choose between allegiance to Washington or Beijing. "We want to continue to encourage the peaceful rise of China," Obama said.

SKorea ferry toll hits 159 as relatives wait

JINDO, South Korea (AP)—Divers made their way deeper Thursday into the submerged wreck of a ferry that sank more than a week ago as the death toll neared 160 and relatives of the more than 140 still missing pressed the government to finish the grim task of recovery soon.

At a port on this island near the scene of divers' efforts, relatives lined up for a daily ritual, crowding around a large signboard to read updates about bodies found overnight and the search plan for the day. Volunteers posted messages of support: "Please come back home," one of the messages said. "We pray for you."

Navy divers Thursday were searching the rear of the ferry's fourth floor, officials posted on a sign board. The coast guard and a rescue company were searching the middle section of the same floor, and another team was to search the front and middle of the fourth floor. Officials also posted new numbers at the port: 159 dead; 143 missing.

As divers plunge deeper into the ferry, the work gets harder as they find they have to rip through cabin walls to retrieve more victims.

Looming in the background is a sensitive issue: When to bring in the cranes and begin the salvage effort by cutting up and raising the submerged vessel.

"Now we think we have to deal with this realistically," said Pyun Yong-gi, whose 17-year-old daughter is among the missing.

"We don't want the bodies to decay further, so we want them to pull out the bodies as quickly as they can," Pyun said on Jindo island, where recovered bodies are taken for families to identify.

That view is not shared among all relatives of the missing, however. One of them, Jang Jong-ryul, was sensitive about the mere mention of the word "salvage" and said most families don't want to think about it.

The number of corpses recovered has risen sharply since the weekend, when divers battling strong currents and low visibility were finally able to enter the submerged vessel. But the task is becoming more difficult.

Amid Russia warning, Ukraine is in a security bind

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—Russia's foreign minister warned Wednesday that attacks on Russian citizens or interests in Ukraine would bring a firm response and drew a comparison to the circumstances that opened the war with Georgia in 2008.

"Russian citizens being attacked is an attack against the Russian Federation," Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, a day after Ukraine announced it was re-launching a campaign against pro-Kremlin insurgents occupying government facilities in the mostly Russian-speaking east.

"If we were attacked we could certainly respond," Lavrov said, speaking on the Kremlin-funded satellite TV channel RT.

Lavrov's warning came as the Russian Foreign Ministry issued a separate statement demanding that Ukraine pull its armed forces out of the crisis-ridden region.

"If our interests, our legitimate interests, the interests of Russians have been attacked directly, like they were in South Ossetia, I do not see any other way but to respond in full accordance with international law," Lavrov said, referring to the 2008 war that led to the breaking away of the Georgian republic of South Ossetia.

In that conflict, Russia launched an invasion of Georgia after it unleashed an artillery attack on the capital of the separatist region, where Russian peacekeeping forces were stationed. However, unlike the conflict with Georgia, Russia has denied having troops or agents in eastern Ukraine.

The Russian warnings came as an accord reached last week in Geneva to defuse the Ukraine crisis continued to crumble, with pro-Russian insurgents in the east defying calls for all sides to disarm and to vacate the buildings they are occupying.

On Tuesday, Ukraine's acting president, Oleksandr Turchynov, ordered resumption of an "anti-terrorist operation" against the pro-Russia forces. However, the highly publicized move produced little action on the ground Wednesday.

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2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
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   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facisimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2014.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-079

Replacement of Computer Hardware and UPS Stations for CNMI Department of Labor

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Replacement of Computer Hardware and UPS Stations for CNMI Department of Labor.

The project package will be available on or after April 9, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on April 19, 2014** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-079"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, April 30, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time April 30, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **April 30, 2014** and must be received no later than **May 7, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, May 8, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on April 30, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is thirty (30) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars ($100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by thirty (30) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Jude U. Hofschneider, Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Off The Wall

Lucey is tops in Iowa's `Beautiful Bulldog' event

By LUKE MEREDITH
AP SPORTS WRITER

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Lucey is a slobbering 18-month-old pooch whose human family dreams of making her a therapy dog.

Winning a pageant before her second birthday should boost the Iowa bulldog's hopes of joining owner Dr. Tiffany Torstenson in the health care industry.

Lucey beat out 49 drooling competitors Monday to take this year's "Beautiful Bulldog" pageant, a tongue-in-cheek event designed to kick off the week-long Drake Relays, an internationally renowned track and field meet in Des Moines.

"She's just very calm and she loves people," Torstenson, of Waukee, Iowa, said. "She loves the attention."

Torstenson, a breast surgeon at the Mercy Katzmann Breast Center, she said she often takes Lucey to work. Lucey's demeanor around doctors and patients helped convince her human family that she'd make a perfect therapy dog, and she will soon start training to become one.

Lucey was certainly a hit with the crowd at Drake's Knapp Center, besting a pair of boys named Lord Nelson and Zuul, to capture top honors.

AP

Lucey sits on the throne after being crowned the winner of the 35th annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest, Monday, April 21, 2014, in Des Moines, Iowa.

"She's is very docile and she doesn't get really excited," Torstenson said. "Every room we go into, she's in that room. She likes to sleep in the bed, and hog the bed. And she loves cheese."

Monday marked the 35th anniversary of the Beautiful Bulldog event, which was started in 1979 in an effort to find a real dog to represent the school's mascot, the Bulldogs.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Man seeks to hide 'murder' tattoo before trial

GREAT BEND, Kan. (AP)—A Kansas man charged with first-degree murder is afraid the tattooed mirror-image letters spelling out the word "murder" across his neck might prejudice a jury, so he is asking for a professional tattoo artist to remove or cover it up. Prosecutors say they aren't opposed to Jeffrey Chapman covering his tattoo, but Barton County's sheriff says he's against transporting Chapman to a licensed tattoo facility—the only places tattoo artists are allowed to practice under Kansas law. The Great Bend Tribune (http://bit.ly/1hdCklp) reports Chapman's trial is scheduled to start Monday in the November 2011 killing of Damon Galliart, whose body was found by hunters in a roadside ditch southwest of Great Bend. Chapman's attorney says in a motion the tattoo would be extremely prejudicial if seen by a jury.

Extra crispy: French fry truck burns in Maine

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP)—Bring on the ketchup: A tractor-trailer carrying 40,000 pounds of french fries caught fire in a Wal-Mart parking lot in the Maine city of Waterville. The city's fire chief says overheated brakes were the suspected cause of the blaze night blaze in the middle of the busy parking lot. The driver said he pulled over when he smelled smoke from the back of the truck. The Portland Press Herald reports that nobody was injured in the fire. The driver was on his way from the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island to New Jersey to deliver the fries. Waterville is about 15 miles north of Maine's capital, Augusta. The truck is operated by Midland Transport Limited, a Dieppe, New Brunswick-based company.

Easter butter lamb gets 'pardon' at Buffalo market

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—There's at least one butter lamb in Buffalo that won't be going under the knife this Easter. Butter sculptures in the shape of a lamb are a traditional part of Easter meals among Buffalo's large Polish-American population. Butter lambs are sold this time of year at western New York delis, Polish markets and supermarkets. On Wednesday, an elected official went to Buffalo's Broadway Market to "pardon" a butter lamb, much in the way U.S. presidents issue pardons for a turkey before Thanksgiving. Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz pardoned a butter lamb from its traditional duties on tables throughout the Buffalo area for the duration of Easter. Polish immigrants brought the butter lamb tradition with them when they came to America and settled in large numbers in upstate New York cities such as Buffalo and Schenectady.

Indiana cat missing 5 years reunited with owner

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP)—A cat that went missing five years ago has been reunited with its owner in Indiana thanks to an implanted microchip. WOWO-AM and WANE-TV report the 10-year-old cat named Charlie showed up at Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control on Monday. Workers there scanned the cat and discovered Charlie had a microchip that identified Virginia Fryback of Fort Wayne as his owner. Fryback says Charlie disappeared from her home five years ago and she thought she'd never see him again. She thanks the veterinarian who convinced her to get a microchip when Charlie was a kitten. The microchip might have saved Charlie's life. Shelter spokeswoman Peggy Bender says most people adopt much younger cats. Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and transmit information via radio waves.

Science & Technology

Blank photos may exceed Gmail data limit

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I use Gmail, and some of the emails I receive contain numerous photos. But on many of the emails, some of the photos are fine, while others are blank. Is there any way to fix this?—Michael Pelt, Jacksonville, Fla.

ANSWER: My guess is that the blank-photo emails you received exceeded Google's data limit for photos, and that the pictures above the limit weren't delivered.

An individual Gmail message can't contain more than 25 million bytes' (25 megabytes) worth of images. This is true whether you're sending the photos as email attachments or as in-line photos in the middle of the email message.

Google does provide a workaround, although it doesn't actually email your photos. By using Google Drive, the company's cloud storage service, you and your email friends can share photos totaling up to 10 billion bytes (10 gigabytes) of data. To do this, you upload the photos you want to share to Google Drive, then email a link to the photos' location. For directions, see Google's support page on the subject, at http://tinyurl.com/n5pkk9s.

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Q: I have a desktop PC, a Samsung Galaxy S3 smartphone and a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 tablet computer. I use my Gmail account on all three devices, so my email is synchronized and up-to-date on all of them. How can I get my contacts and calendar to work together on all three devices?—Tom Scanlon, Golden Valley, Minn.

A: Since you're already using Gmail on your various devices, you have a Google account that can synchronize, or sync, your contacts and calendar.

For a video of how to sync your Google contacts and calendar with your Samsung Galaxy S3 phone, see http://tinyurl.com/n2uo4on.

For step-by-step directions (with screen shots) on how to sync your contacts and calendar with your Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 tablet computer, see Sprint's explanation, at http://tinyurl.com/l8uba2g.

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Q: I've switched from Windows XP to Windows 7 Professional, and I'm having trouble backing up my data.

XP allowed me to select what to back up, where to put the backed-up data and what to name the backup folder (such as C3-30 for a backup of the C drive on March 30.)

But Windows 7 doesn't let me select where to put the backup, or what to name the backup folder. How can I solve this problem?—Jack Salisbury, Chepachet, R.I.

A: Windows 7 will allow you to select which drive to store the backup on, but it does force you to put the backup data in a generic folder called "Backup." There's nothing to prevent you from renaming the Backup folder later. Just right-click the Backup folder and choose "rename" from the menu.

For details, see "How to Use Backup and Restore in Windows 7" on the website How-To Geek, at http://tinyurl.com/yjew6gk.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Oscar Canaria Correa

May 20, 1933 – April 16, 2014

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Israel Correa/Mary Ann
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Jeanette Correa
(Garette Eugene Kuykendoll III/Va'iia Correa)

In His New life, He now Joins His:

Parents: †Clemente Correa
†Felisa Canaria

Daily Rosary are being prayed each evening at 7:00pm at the Residence in Chinatown.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014. His remains will lie in state at Kristo Rai Church beginning at 1:00pm. Responso Service will be at 1:15pm followed by Holy Rosary at 1:30pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:30pm followed by Interment Service at Sanctuario Pax Memorial Garden in Kagman where he will be at a peaceful rest.

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THE FAMILY

Life & Style

Photos explore dynamics of youths' sexual identity

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP)—For many, it's difficult to understand Foster Noone's sexual identity. The 17-year-old uses the labels of bisexual, trans and gender neutral all at once.

A photography exhibition opening at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute on Wednesday night seeks to put a face on such young people while exploring the difficult dynamics of family acceptance of their identities in the Deep South.

The exhibit "Family Matters" features images of a dozen lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youth ages 15 to 23 who were photographed by Carolyn Sherer. She previously displayed photographs of lesbians and their families for a 2012 show called "Living in Limbo."

Sherer, who photographed each young participant before a plain white background, said she didn't have any trouble finding subjects for the projects, even though living openly as a LGBTQ person can be difficult in Alabama—like many other places.

"The 12 youths who stood for these photographs are fearless, and they give me great hope for the future," Sherer said.

Noone, of suburban Pelham, laughed in delight when viewing the exhibit for the first time with two other people who posed, Ali Massoud and Lauren Jacobs, both of Birmingham.

"With only 12 portraits it's impossible to show the entirety of such a huge community, but I love that it gives voices to young people and it's a start for us to begin telling our stories," Noone added.

AP

In this photo taken on Monday, April 21, 2014, photographer Carolyn Sherer, left, looks at her new exhibit featuring images of young people with varied sexual identities and preferences during the installation work in Birmingham, Ala. From second left, Foster Noone, 17; Lauren Jacobs, 22; and Ali Massoud, 20, are among a dozen young people who posed for the photos in the exhibit, which opens Wednesday, April 23, at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

Jacobs, who calls herself queer, is one of the older participants, at 22. She hopes the display—hanging in a hallway beside old black-and-white images from the civil rights movement in the 1960s—will be affirming for both the people who posed and for viewers. Beside each photo is a short personal narrative describing that person's relationship with family members.

"I'm actually most interested in what it will change for people who are young queer people who are just coming through the institute with their families and they see people on the wall that they know are them," Jacobs said.

Sherer's showing of photos of lesbian families broke ground two years ago at the museum, which historically has focused on the struggle for equal rights for blacks in Birmingham. The show became the basis for a feature-length documentary, and it inspired Sherer's new project because of the differences she saw between middle-age lesbians like herself and youth in the LGBTQ community.

"What I see in young people now in Birmingham is an optimism I never experienced," said Sherer. "They plan their careers and their families as though they will enjoy full equality."

Sponsored by Birmingham AIDS Outreach and other partners, the show runs through June 9 at the Civil Rights Institute. Sherer is seeking funding for additional national showings.

Ali Massoud, a gay man from Egypt who attends college in Birmingham, said it's important for people to see the diversity of the LGBTQ community.

Courteney Cox makes directorial debut at Tribeca

NEW YORK (AP)—Courteney Cox's directorial debut is uniquely personal. It features a cameo from her daughter, Coco, songs by her boyfriend, Snow Patrol's Johnny McDaid, and a scene with her ex-husband, David Arquette.

The film opens with 9-year-old Coco singing a song of McDaid's. Later, she briefly appears to spray her father, Arquette, with a hose. As a proud mother, it's Cox's favorite scene.

Cox

"I couldn't have cut that out," said Cox, who acknowledges their family dynamics are unusually friendly. "If I needed four seconds, that would be the last four seconds to go."

Cox will premiere the film, "Just Before I Go," on Thursday at the Tribeca Film Festival. It's the first stab at feature-film directing for the 49-year-old TV star, who readied herself for the opportunity by directing a short, a Lifetime movie and 10 episodes of her TBS sitcom "Cougar Town."

"Just Before I Go" stars Seann William Scott as a depressive who plans to commit suicide but first returns to his hometown to get "my house in order." He visits an old crush, a school bully from his youth and others to unload his pain in a strange kind of bucket-list mission.

It may sound like a serious drama, but "Just Before I Go" (written by David Flebotte) has an offbeat humor that clashes comically with its heavy outline. Certainly, few movies have an emotional spectrum that incorporates both suicide and a "sleep masturbator" (a twist on sleep walking).

"It's hard to get those subject matters to gel and for people to feel it's OK to laugh here and it's OK to cry there," Cox said in a recent interview. "If I can laugh really hard and then cry, it's perfect for me."

"The more offensive the humor, the funnier it is to me," she added. "For whatever reason, if someone's not getting hurt, it's probably not funny to me."

Of course, Cox's comic timing has long been on display in "Friends," "Family Ties," "Dirt" (on which she met Flebotte) and "Cougar Town," which recently wrapped its fifth and possibly final season. (Its future is uncertain.)

But Cox didn't want to act in "Just Before I Go," but rather concentrated on directing—a role she says feels natural.

"I'm obsessed with design and I really feel like I suffer from acute awareness," said Cox. "I'm always so aware of my surroundings. I'm so interested in the way people live. Whenever I walk in someplace, I can almost tell you what the rooms looked like before I could tell you a person's name."

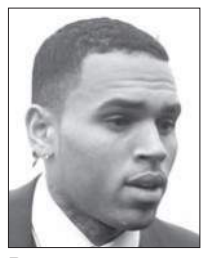
Shot in a speedy 23 days in between seasons of "Cougar Town," "Just Before I Go" was made for less than $2 million, which Cox initially financed herself. She's hoping to land distribution at Tribeca.

"Not having the pressure of the studio, just doing it for myself," said Cox, "it was the perfect way in for me."

Singer Chris Brown's DC trial delayed for months

WASHINGTON (AP)—Singer Chris Brown's trial on an assault charge was put on hold for months Wednesday after prosecutors declined to grant immunity to his bodyguard, who would be a key witness in the case.

Brown will remain in custody for the near future after a Los Angeles judge denied a request by the Grammy-winning singer's attorney to release him from custody while he awaits trial.



Brown

Brown's trial had been set to start in Washington on Wednesday, and Brown's bodyguard, Christopher Hollosy, had been expected to testify and say that he, not Brown, hit a man outside a hotel in the nation's capital in October. Hollosy was tried separately and convicted Monday of assault, but he plans to appeal.

Hollosy's lawyer has said that unless Hollosy is granted immunity, he will not testify until his appeal is over.

A lawyer for Brown said in court Wednesday that could take at least six months. Prosecutors have said it could take a year. No new trial date for Brown was set.

Prosecutors told a judge they decided not to grant Hollosy immunity because he refused to meet with them to discuss his testimony following his conviction. They also believe his likely testimony, that he alone threw a punch, would be a lie.

Prosecutors say Brown and Hollosy hit 20-year-old Parker Adams after Adams tried to get into a photo Brown was taking with two women outside his tour bus. Witnesses testified at Hollosy's trial that Adams and Brown exchanged words over the picture and Brown, then Hollosy, hit Adams.

Hollosy told police a different story. He said he hit Adams after Adams tried to get on Brown's tour bus. Brown denied hitting Adams and made a similar statement to police.

A judge trying Hollosy's case found Hollosy struck Adams and that Brown acted as the initial aggressor. A Los Angeles prosecutor cited the finding during a hearing Wednesday afternoon, but it was not considered by the judge who refused to release Brown.

Earlier Wednesday, D.C. Superior Court Judge A. Franklin Burgess Jr. set a status hearing in Brown's case for June 25, the same day Hollosy is scheduled to be sentenced.

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Jodie Foster weds artist Alexandra Hedison

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jodie Foster is a married woman.

The 51-year-old Oscar winner wed girlfriend Alexandra Hedison over the weekend, Foster's publicist confirmed Wednesday. Jennifer Allen offered no other details.

E! was the first to report that Foster tied the knot with Hedison, a 44-year-old photographer based in Los Angeles.

It's the first marriage for Foster, who came out publicly in a rambling, heartfelt speech at the 2013 Golden Globe Awards, where she accepted lifetime achievement honors.

Foster

After saying she planned to make a big announcement that would make her publicist nervous, Foster jokingly revealed that she was single.

"I hope that you're not disappointed that there won't be a big coming-out speech tonight," she said, "because I already did my coming-out about a thousand years ago back in the Stone Age."

She said celebrities are now expected to reveal they're gay "with a press conference, a fragrance and a prime-time reality show," but her approach had been more personal.

Foster acknowledged longtime partner Cydney Bernard, with whom she has two sons. The couple ended their 20-year relationship in 2008. While Foster never hid the relationship, she kept her sexuality private until the Globes speech.

E! says Foster and Hedison have been dating since last summer.

Hedison, who was previously linked to Ellen DeGeneres, is also an actress with TV credits including "Nash Bridges" and "The L Word."

Court won't review Michael Jackson doctor's case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The California Supreme Court refused Wednesday to review the involuntary manslaughter conviction of Michael Jackson's doctor, rejecting his lawyer's petition without comment.

Murray

The decision by the state's highest court was the latest stop on Dr. Conrad Murray's legal odyssey. A state appeals court upheld his conviction earlier this year and then refused to reconsider its decision.

Attorney Valerie Wass said Murray will take his fight to federal court. "We're greatly disappointed, but we intend to pursue this in federal court," Wass said.

She said she telephoned Murray with the news and, "He said, `The fight is not over.' "

Authorities said Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol in 2009 while the singer prepared for a series of comeback concerts.

Murray was convicted in 2011 and served two years in jail. He was released in October because of a change in California law requiring nonviolent offenders to serve their sentences in county jails and as a result of credits for good behavior.

The six-week trial focused on Murray's care of Jackson, including nightly doses of propofol to help the entertainer sleep.

The earlier appellate court decision said, "The evidence demonstrated that Mr. Jackson was a vulnerable victim and that (Murray) was in a position of trust, and that (Murray) violated the trust relationship by breaching standards of professional conduct in numerous respects."

Since his release, Murray has been traveling and spending time with family, "trying to get his life back together." Wass said.

The federal appeal she plans to file will focus on media coverage of the trial and exposure of the unsequestered jury to the Internet, Wass said. Murray has maintained throughout his appeals that the jury should have been sequestered because of the flood of publicity surrounding the case.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Olivia Wilde, Jason Sudeikis welcome baby boy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It's a boy for Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis. A spokeswoman for the "Tron: Legacy" actress confirms the couple welcomed son Otis Alexander on Sunday. Wilde posted a message on Twitter Wednesday with a photo of her cuddling the newborn. It says, "Ladies and gentlemen, Otis Alexander Sudeikis has LEFT the building!" and then notes in parentheses that she's the building. The 30-year-old "Rush" and "House" actress is engaged to the 38-year-old "We're the Millers" actor and former star of "Saturday Night Live." It's the couple's first child.

Mel Brooks putting on a 1-man show in Los Angeles

NEW YORK (AP)—Mel Brooks has seemingly done it all in his illustrious show biz career. But there's one thing he's tackled only recently—a one-man show. Brooks will star in his first solo show Monday at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles. It's being billed as an "an introspective retrospective." The sold-out show will have only one performance. The 87-year-old writer and director of comedy classics including "The Producers," "Blazing Saddles," "Young Frankenstein" and "History of the World: Part I" has won Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards.

Theater producer denies sex abuse claim

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lawyers for a theater producer on Wednesday denied sexual abuse claims made against their client in a lawsuit by a man who has leveled similar allegations against other entertainment industry figures.

Attorneys Alan Grodin and Paul Gaspari issued a statement on behalf of producer Gary Goddard, saying he was not in Hawaii when the alleged acts occurred more than a decade ago.

Goddard is one of four people, including "X-Men" director Bryan Singer, who was sued this month by former aspiring actor and model Michael Egan III.

The lawsuit alleges Egan, who is now 30, was sexually abused on a trip to Hawaii in 1999.

Singer also denied he was in Hawaii at the time of the alleged acts. Louise Ann Fernandez, an attorney for former television executive Garth Ancier, previously said Ancier had never visited the estate in Hawaii where Egan claims he was molested.

Goddard "did not molest or touch or annoy Mr. Egan or commit any of the acts alleged," Grodin and Gaspari wrote. "Also, he did not furnish drugs or alcohol to any minor at any time."

An email seeking comment from Egan's attorney Jeff Herman was not immediately returned.

The statement by Grodin and Gaspari also referred to a 2000 lawsuit filed in Los Angeles by Egan against a man later convicted of transporting minors across state lines to have sex. That lawsuit did not mention Goddard, Singer, Ancier or David Alexander Neuman, another former TV executive sued by Egan.

Attempts to reach Neuman for comment have been unsuccessful.

Ancier was a founding programmer at Fox who later created programming for The WB and was a top executive at NBC Entertainment.

Prince William bids Australia farewell

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Britain's Prince William bid farewell to Australia on Thursday in the only speech of his national tour, revealing that his baby son George had become particularly fond of a toy native animal during the visit.

"We go away with wonderful memories and George goes away with a cuddly wombat that he's taken to chewing so lovingly," the Duke of Cambridge told a reception at Australia's Parliament House in the national capital Canberra.

William, his wife Kate and George leave Canberra after veterans' day commemorations on Friday, ending a three-week tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Britain's Prince William watches as his wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, shovel dirt to plant an oak tree at the National Arboretum in Canberra, Australia, Thursday, April 24, 2014.
AP

Childhood abuse victim finds love in arms of another woman

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in a loving relationship with another woman. My family has been harsh in their remarks to me, saying they would rather I was dead than doing this, or that I should move away if this is the way I am going to live.

I have been married twice. Neither marriage worked out. During my childhood, I was molested by a family member. Since then, I have been scared of men and don't want to be around them. I have had crushes on women in the past, but didn't tell my family because I'm a 30-year-old adult and I felt it was none of their business.

I keep asking myself if my attraction to my lover was a choice, but I don't remember "choosing" this. All I remember is falling for her and not wanting to look back. Should I end this relationship and live alone forever? I never want to be with another man as long as I live.

ACHING IN AMARILLO

DEAR ACHING: Because your family is so unaccepting of your sexual orientation, it would be interesting to know how they view your molester. Did you tell anyone what happened, and did you receive counseling about it? If the answer is you didn't, then PLEASE consider getting some now to help you deal with any residual issues because you appear to have a few—like your fear of and aversion to all men.

What your family said was cruel and uncalled-for. It's apparent they know nothing about homosexuality. There is a chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) about two hours away from your community, located in Lubbock. You can find it online at pflaglubbock.org. It can provide information to help you build bridges of understanding with your family.

Assuming the feelings you have for this woman are reciprocated, the two of you might be happier moving to a community that is more welcoming. Texas is a big, diverse state and Dallas, Houston or Austin might be a better fit for you.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl who has been told many times that I'm very mature for my age. Unfortunately, I'm TOO mature. What I want most in the world is sex appeal. I long for the perfect sex-crazed boyfriend. What can I do about this craving?

BEYOND MY YEARS IN KENTUCKY

DEAR BEYOND: The first thing you should do about this "craving" is learn all you can about birth control and self-control, because the "perfect sex-crazed boyfriend" could get you—and himself—into a world of trouble. At 13, you should be focused on sports and getting into and out of high school with a diploma.

Whoever told you you are mature for your age must have meant physically, because when a girl's No. 1 desire in the world is sex appeal and a sex-crazed boyfriend, it is not a sign of EMOTIONAL maturity.

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DEAR ABBY: Last year I made a beautiful welcome wreath for my friend to hang on her front door. After all this time, it's still sitting in a box in her basement. If she doesn't like it, I would like to ask for it back, so I can use and enjoy it. Abby, can I do this? What could I say?

LORRIE IN FLORIDA

DEAR LORRIE: It has always been my belief that once a gift has been given, it's inappropriate to ask for it back. However, if you feel comfortable enough with your friend to do so, tell her exactly what you told me: That since she has never used the wreath, you would like to have it for your own front door.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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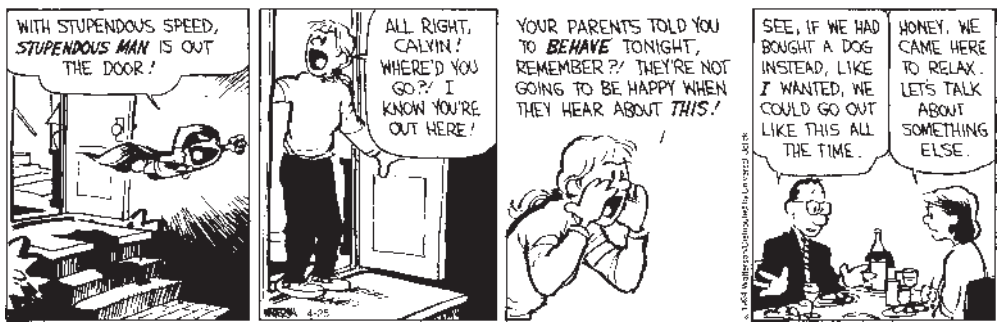
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WITH STUPENDOUS SPEED, STUPENDOUS MAN IS OUT THE DOOR!
ALL RIGHT, CALVIN! WHERE'D YOU GO?! I KNOW YOU'RE OUT HERE!
YOUR PARENTS TOLD YOU TO BEHAVE TONIGHT, REMEMBER?! THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY WHEN THEY HEAR ABOUT THIS!
SEE, IF WE HAD BOUGHT A DOG INSTEAD, LIKE I WANTED, WE COULD GO OUT LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME.
HONEY, WE CAME HERE TO RELAX. LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

I'M BORED, GARFIELD
LET'S DO SOMETHING
WANNA GO TO THE AIRPORT AND PRETEND WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE?
LIKE TO A PLACE WITH A LIFE?
JIM DAVIS 4-25

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WH... WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU PASSED OUT HELPING KATY WITH A SPLINTER.
SPLINTER?? IT WAS LIKE A 2x4 STUCK IN HER HAND!
IT WAS LIKE AN EPISODE OF CSI.
IT WAS A BOO BOO, DAD.
YOU'RE ALIVE!!
SIGH.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Prepare for battle
4 Lingerie items
8 Food
12 Bud's comedy partner
13 Speech impediment
14 Clinton Cabinet member
15 "Got milk?" ad feature
17 The yoke's on them
18 Relaxed
19 Fresh
21 "Monty Python" opener
22 Nativity display
26 Secluded valleys
29 Command to Fido
30 Started
31 Oxidation
32 Mongrel
33 Shakespeare, e.g.
34 — budget
35 "How come?"
36 "Peter Pan" role
37 Socially awkward
39 Tokyo-based carrier
40 Mauna —
41 Sign up
45 Long-popular TV clown
48 Hodge-podge
50 Pizzeria fixture
51 Gaelic
52 Carton
53 Author Grey
54 Gotta have
55 Bumped into

DOWN

1 — mater
2 Decisive defeat
3 Erato or Clio
4 Explosions
5 Makes stringy potatoes
6 Bonfire residue
7 Princess Diana's family name
8 "Gladiator" star
9 Whammy
10 A number ...
11 ... and its homophone
16 Adulterate
20 Work measure
23 Tribal division
24 Cattle group
25 Vortex
26 Pirates' beverage
27 Moth variety
28 Birthright barterer
29 Purchase
32 Diminish in value
33 Attorney Melvin
35 Personal question?
36 In demand
38 Dolly the sheep, for one
39 Helms or Ventura
42 Cold War weapon initials
43 Loafer, e.g.
44 Libretto
45 Dickens pseudonym
46 Breakfast for Brutus?
47 Buddhist sect
49 "Chances —"

Solution time: 25 mins.

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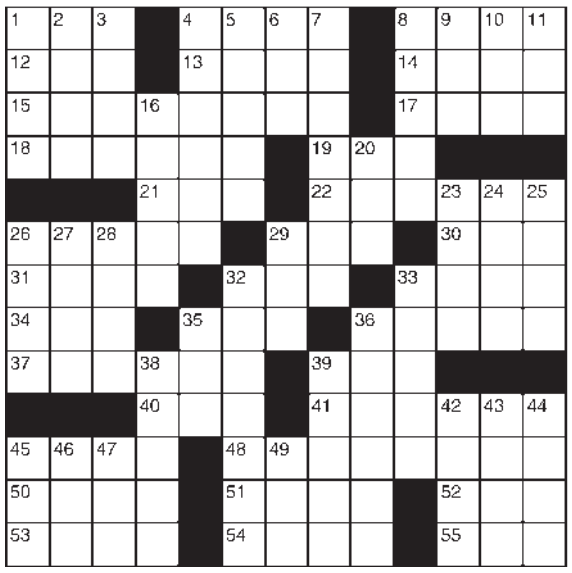
Yesterday's answer 4-25



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Lee, 44; Renee Zellweger, 45; Hank Azaria, 50; Al Pacino, 74

Happy Birthday: Compassion, insight and willpower will all come into play this year. Your ability to listen carefully and summarize and make suggestions will help you stand up to opposition and the challenges others present. A strong, steady pace based on facts, figures and experience will give you an edge. Do your research and hit your target with confidence. Your numbers are 2, 9, 16, 21, 24, 30, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Spice thing up a little. Get involved in physical activities. Idle time will be the enemy. Keep things moving and take care of your responsibilities before someone criticizes or complains. Keep your plans a secret until you have the details worked out. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You'll have a growing interest in foreign culture and different philosophies. Ask questions and share thoughts with someone who has had different experiences than you. What you learn now will help you make better personal choices in the future. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): A misunderstanding will lead to trouble. Emotional matters will escalate and problems will occur if you don't specify exactly what it is you want and have to offer. A personal relationship is likely to interfere in your professional progress. Proceed with caution. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Get professional challenges out of the way. Your ability to intuitively see what's required in order to be successful will help you get ahead of any competition you face. Offering a favor to someone you do business with will result in greater opportunities. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take flight. Getting out and visiting places that are unfamiliar will spark new ideas and plans for the future. Shake things up a bit and you will discover all sorts of possibilities you didn't know existed. Embrace life. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Express your feelings. Sharing your thoughts and intentions will lead to a positive move. Relationships will reach a new level, and making future plans will bring you closer to someone you love. Someone from your past will offer you help. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll have a good idea, but if you don't initiate your plan, you won't get ahead. Let your imagination lead the way, and dazzle those you encounter with your vision. Constructive input will help you achieve success. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Explore new people, places and pastimes. Get out and share your thoughts. The people you meet will inspire you, and you'll be touched by the offers you receive. Love is highlighted, along with self-improvement and creativity. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You are likely to detect uneasiness when dealing with friends, colleagues or your lover. Emotional problems will surface if someone withholds information. Don't confront a confusing situation until you have all the facts. Focus on work and getting ahead professionally. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Discuss the plans you have for your home or the way you want to live your life. You can make your dreams come true if you share your vision and invite the people you care about most to contribute. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Consistency will be the key to getting ahead. Don't jump from one thing to another. Finish what you start and focus on fine detail and precision. You will be judged on the work you do, so make it count. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Look for entertaining ways to spend your time. Getting involved in an organization that can offer you mental and physical stimulation will also guide you toward new friendships with individuals trying to reach similar goals. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are precise, competitive, and impatient. You are impulsive and a contributor.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

			4		3			
2		6		1		3		7
7			9		5			1
	4						3	
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3		8		7		6		2
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	3	4	7	1	8	6	5	2
6	7	1	4	2	5	8	3	9
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5	1	9	2	7	4	3	8	6
3	6	7	5	8	1	2	9	4
2	4	8	9	3	6	1	7	5
1	5	2	8	6	7	9	4	3
7	8	6	3	4	9	5	2	1
4	9	3	1	5	2	7	6	8

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/24

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

APPLE'S MAC TURNS 30 **Solution: 7 letters**

S	R	E	T	U	P	M	O	C	E	T	A	E	R	C
E	R	E	L	B	A	T	R	O	P	N	D	E	S	T
G	E	M	O	T	E	A	M	O	D	E	L	S	K	I
N	L	A	B	R	P	O	W	E	R	M	C	E	R	T
A	L	C	R	E	W	O	T	A	O	P	V	A	A	A
H	A	Ⓣ	Ⓔ	Ⓢ	Ⓣ	A	W	U	E	O	R	N	M	N
C	M	H	D	U	D	D	S	N	M	L	E	T	N	I
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O	S	O	U	A	N	H	N	K	R	V	R	A	O	M
T	E	T	H	U	P	I	O	C	E	E	E	C	R	O
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M	W	M	E	M	O	R	Y	M	I	N	I	R	I	A

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Heat go up 2-0, hold off Bobcats, 101-97

MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James drove to the rim as time was winding down, got clobbered by Josh McRoberts and sat on the hardwood gathering himself for a few seconds afterward.

It was fitting. Miami took Charlotte's best shot, and survived.

James scored 32 points and added eight assists, Chris Bosh scored 20 points and the Heat wasted two big leads before hanging on to beat the Bobcats 101-97 on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

"We can play better basketball," James said. "We haven't played our best basketball."

Dwyane Wade scored 15 points, and had a steal in the final seconds to seal the win for Miami. He stripped the ball from Chris Douglas-Roberts with the Heat protecting a three-point lead with about 3 seconds left, and the Bobcats never got another shot off.

"A very instinctual, high-risk play," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "The ball's there and you know you have an opportunity to get it when most people can't get that, and that saved the game."

Game 3 is Saturday in Charlotte. The Heat were the NBA's only higher-seed to open the playoffs with two home wins.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist scored 22 points for Charlotte, which got 18 points and 13 rebounds from Al Jefferson, who played through a left plantar fascia strain and shot 9 for 23.

Jefferson said he felt the tear worsen early on in the game, said it was "a lot of pain" but again insisted he would keep playing.

"He's not anywhere close to 100 percent," Bobcats coach Steve Clifford said. "But we can play through him. ... You've got to respect the fact he's out there battling. He has no mobility, basically. Limited mobility and yet he had 18 and 13, and he fought hard."

So was McRoberts—maybe too hard for Miami's liking.

Miami's lead was 97-94 with 50 seconds left when James drove and was met at the rim by McRoberts, whose right elbow struck the four-time NBA MVP around his chin. James immediately began grabbing at his throat and needed much longer than he usually does to get up after a hard foul, which was not called flagrant.

"I don't need to see it again," James said. "Most important thing is we won the game."

Said McRoberts, who insisted it wasn't intentional: "It looked a lot worse than what it was."

James hit the second of his two free throws, making it a two-possession game—and that was critical. Kemba Walker made a 3-pointer with 11.9 seconds left to get Charlotte within one, but the Bobcats didn't score again.

AP

Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) high-fives Chris Bosh (1) after the Heat defeated the Charlotte Bobcats 101-97 in Game 2 of an opening-round NBA basketball playoff series, Wednesday, April 23, 2014, in Miami. At left is Dwyane Wade.

"I think we're still really confident," Walker said. "We just have to learn from our mistakes. ... I think we have a chance, man."

Walker finished with 16 and Gerald Henderson scored 15 for the Bobcats. Mario Chalmers scored 11 for Miami.

So while the Heat were saying that all they have done was hold serve at home, it's hard to find a real silver lining for Charlotte. Not only have the Bobcats now lost 18 consecutive games against Miami, but the Heat have never dropped any of the previous 11 postseason series in which they've grabbed a 2-0 series lead.

James, between his time in Cleveland and Miami, is 11-0 in such situations. Wade has been part of nine previous 2-0 leads with the Heat, and six of those series ended in no more than five games.

"They're going to keep coming at us," Wade said. "And that's good."

Miami's lead was 91-77 midway through the fourth, and after blowing a big first-half lead, it appeared as though the Heat finally had some breathing room. A few minutes later, it looked a whole lot different.

Walker, Kidd-Gilchrist and Douglas-Roberts combined on a 10-0 run, getting the Bobcats within 91-87. But Bosh scored on consecutive possessions, pushing the Heat lead to eight with 3:36 remaining.

"We got out of our here with the win, but we're going to have to tighten up a little bit," Bosh said. "We had a little bit of slippage today."

Miami led 57-47 at the half, and the Bobcats—who missed 17 of their first 22 shots—were fortunate, after facing a 16-point deficit at one point in the early going.

And while Charlotte kept coming back, it never led in the final 41 minutes.

Mavericks 113, Spurs 92

In San Antonio, Monta Ellis scored 21 points and the Dallas Mavericks rolled past San Antonio, snapping a 10-game skid against the Spurs and evening their first-round series at a game apiece.

Shawn Marion scored 20 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 16, Devin Harris had 18 and Jose Calderon 12 for Dallas, which never trailed after the opening minutes of the second quarter.

Manu Ginobili had 27 points, Tony Parker added 12 and Tim Duncan 11 for the Spurs.

Dallas didn't relent in Game 2 after blowing a 10-point lead in the final eight minutes of the series opener. San Antonio's ineptness had as much to do with tying the series, however. The Spurs averaged 14.4 turnovers during the regular season, but had 15 with 3 minutes left in the first half. They finished with 22 turnovers, which resulted in 33 points for the Mavericks.

Trail Blazers 112, Rockets 105

In Houston, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 43 points and Damian Lillard made six free throws down the stretch to give the Portland Trail Blazers a victory over the Houston Rockets and a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

James Harden knocked down a 3-pointer with about 30 seconds left to get the Rockets within three. Lillard made two free throws before Harden fouled out about 10 seconds later. Mo Williams and Lillard both made a pair of free throws after that to secure the win.

Aldridge became the first player with consecutive 40-point games in the playoffs since LeBron James did it in May of 2009 after scoring a career-high and franchise playoff-record 46 in an overtime win in Game 1.

Dwight Howard scored 25 points in the first half, but managed just seven in the second half for Houston.

Jackson seeking Knicks coach, says it won't be him

GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—The coaching search is on in New York, and the best possible candidate has already been eliminated.

Phil Jackson won't be hiring himself to coach the Knicks.

Two days after firing Mike Woodson, Jackson reiterated Wednesday that he won't be returning to the bench, despite the fact that even fiancee Jeanie Buss told him he should.

But Jackson, who retired from coaching in 2011 after winning an NBA-record 11 titles, said his body isn't up to doing the job.

"Jeanie Buss was here with the Board of Governors last week and stayed through the weekend, and tried to encourage me to coach the team. And if there's anyone that can encourage me to do anything, it's Jeanie Buss. But I was able to withstand her arguments the whole time," Jackson said at the Knicks' training center.

So the new team president said he's looking for a leader with the personality and charisma to succeed in New York. He hopes to talk with Steve Kerr, the TNT analyst frequently mentioned as the leading candidate, sometime within the next month.

"New York, I think, demands a personality, a person that the fans can believe in, a person that has some confidence, has the charismatic appeal, and I think has a forward-looking idea about the game," Jackson said.

He believes Kerr, who played for him in Chicago and served as general manager of the Phoenix Suns, could be that person. He discussed Kerr's potential interest in coaching last year when a group was trying to buy the Sacramento Kings and move them to Seattle. Jackson was prepared to run their basketball operations if that happened.

Jackson

He and Kerr spoke again earlier this year about basketball, so Jackson is comfortable they share the same view of how the game should be played.

"I know philosophically we have a strong connection. Whether he's able to take a job like this, I don't know," Jackson said. "I will get in a conversation with him later on this month and talk to him about and see where he's at as far as his desire to coach."

Jackson said he didn't have a timetable beyond wanting a coach in place before the July summer league. He has other candidates in mind, but said: "You don't want to know their names. I don't want you to have their names."

Jackson's will always come up because of his coaching legacy. Madison Square Garden Chairman James Dolan first talked to Jackson around the holidays about coaching the team, but Jackson declined before they began discussing a management position.

Jackson said Buss, whose family owns the Lakers, encouraged him to reconsider because it was "low risk" for him and a "do-what-you-know-best type of thing."

But he said he's already made up his mind.

"Right now I know physically what I can do," Jackson said. "That's something that I don't think physically I can do."

Jackson hopes Carmelo Anthony won't change his mind, either.

Anthony plans to become a free agent this summer and has said he would take less than a maximum salary if it helped build a winning team. Jackson, noting that Tim Duncan and the Miami Heat's Big Three had sacrificed salary in the past, said he would talk to Anthony about the benefits of doing the same.

"That's the beginning of team play," Jackson said.

"It's really hard to just have one or two top stars, max players, and put together a team with enough talent. You've got to have people making sacrifices financially, so we hope that Carmelo is true to his word, and we understand what it's going to take and we'll present that to him at that time."

The Knicks would have to pay Anthony more than $120 million over five years if he insisted on a max contract.

Anthony was one of the only bright spots on a 37-45 team that missed the playoffs. The Knicks would like to keep him.

"I'm all about moving forward. Just deal with what is and move forward," Jackson said. "If it's in the cards, man, are we fortunate. If it's not in the cards, man, are we fortunate. We're going forward anyway."

Pineda tossed for pine tar; Red Sox beat Yanks, 5-1

BOSTON (AP)—Michael Pineda was ejected for using pine tar less than two weeks after appearing to get away with using a foreign substance in another game against Boston, and the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 5-1 Wednesday night.

The right-hander was thrown out in the second inning when plate umpire Gerry Davis found the substance on the right side of Pineda's neck after Red Sox manager John Farrell asked him to check. Pineda walked from the mound without protest.

Both Pineda and Davis said it was pine tar. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Pineda and the organization were "embarrassed."

John Lackey (3-2) allowed one run and seven hits in eight innings with 11 strikeouts and no walks. Koji Uehara struck out three in the ninth in a non-save situation.

Mike Napoli had three hits and Boston scored two runs in the first and two more in the third. The Yankees scored on Alfonso Soriano's sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Twins 6, Rays 4, 12 innings

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Chris Colabello drove in four runs, including two on a 12th-inning single that lifted Minnesota past Tampa Bay.

Colabello's game-winning hit came off Josh Lueke (0-1) after hits by Joe Mauer and Trevor Plouffe.

Casey Fien (1-0) got the win and Glen Perkins pitched the 12th inning for his fourth save.

Mariners 5, Astros 3

In Seattle, Kyle Seager hit a three-run homer with one out in the bottom of the ninth and Seattle rallied to snap an eight-game losing streak.

Seager homered for his second straight at-bat after being mired in a slump for most of the season.

Seager hit a two-run homer in the seventh off Jarred Cosart, then added the winning shot on the first pitch from Josh Fields (0-1) in the ninth. The five RBIs were a career high.

Rangers 3, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Martin Perez (4-0) pitched a three-hitter for his second consecutive shutout to extend his scoreless innings streak to 26, helping Texas complete a three-game sweep.

Donnie Murphy homered and Michael Choice scored one run and drove in another for the Rangers, who moved a half-game ahead of Oakland in first place in the AL West with their first sweep of the A's since August 2011.

White Sox 6, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Marcus Semien's seventh-inning grand slam lifted Chicago over Detroit.

Jose Abreu hit another long home run for the White Sox, but it was Semien's first career slam that turned around the game. Detroit starter Drew Smyly allowed two runs in six innings, but Evan Reed (0-1) gave up two singles and a walk, and Ian Krol allowed the home run to Semien.

Indians 5, Royals 3

In Cleveland, Jason Kipnis drove in Nick Swisher with a two-out double in the seventh inning, sending Cleveland past Kansas City.

Kipnis ripped his double off Kelvin Herrera (0-1) into the gap in right-center, deep enough to easily score Swisher, who reached on a two-out single. The Indians tacked on an insurance run in the eighth on pinch-hitter Lonnie Chisenhall's bloop RBI single.

Orioles 10, Blue Jays 8

In Toronto, Nelson Cruz hit two of Baltimore's season-high four home runs and Chris Davis and Matt Wieters also connected fpr the Orioles.

Cruz hit a solo homer off Dustin McGowan in the third and a grand slam off Todd Redmond (0-2) in the fifth, giving him six homers this season and 11 career multihomer games. The slam was his seventh.

Cubs 7, Diamondbacks 5

In Chicago, the Chicago Cubs marked Wrigley Field's 100th birthday in dramatic fashion Wednesday, allowing the Arizona Diamondbacks to rally for five runs in the ninth inning and a victory.

After an error by shortstop Starlin Castro, Martin Prado hit a two-run single off Pedro Strop (0-2), Miguel Montero had a tying single against James Russell and Aaron Hill followed with a two-run triple off Justin Grimm.

Dodgers 5, Phillies 2

In Los Angeles, Zack Greinke outpitched Cole Hamels with seven strong innings, Hanley Ramirez homered and Yasiel Puig drove in two runs for Los Angeles.

Greinke (4-0) allowed two runs and five hits while striking out 11 and walking one batter intentionally.

Manager Don Mattingly tried to squeeze one more inning out of Greinke, but lifted him after Jayson Nix drove the right-hander's 108th pitch to left-center for a leadoff homer.

Braves 3, Marlins 1

In Atlanta, pinch-hitter Evan Gattis broke an eighth-inning tie with a two-run double off A.J. Ramos as Atlanta took two of three from Miami and won for the ninth time in 12 games overall. The Marlins are 1-8 on the road.

Braves pitchers struck out 16, giving them 41 strikeouts and five walks — one intentional — in the three-game series. Miami pitchers struck out 37 and walked nine.

Giants 12, Rockies 10

In Denver, Hector Sanchez hit two of San Francisco's six homers, including a grand slam in the 11th off Chad Bettis (0-1).

Michael Morse also hit two homers—a solo shot in the second and a three-run homer the following inning—as two Giants hit multiple homers in the same game for the first time since May 25, 2005. Brandon Hicks and Brandon Belt also went deep as the Giants rallied from a 5-1, second-inning deficit.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2

In New York, Lucas Duda hit a long home run and New York threw out the potential tying run at the plate in the ninth inning to hold off St. Louis.

Jonathon Niese earned his first win of the season, and shortstop Ruben Tejada cut down Matt Carpenter for the second out of the ninth on a strong relay from center fielder Kirk Nieuwenhuis.

Brewers 5, Padres 2

In Milwaukee, Jean Segura hit a three-run homer, and Milwaukee broke out of an offensive slumber at home to support Kyle Lohse.

Segura homered for a 4-1 lead in the second. Khris Davis added a solo shot for the Brewers, who have won five of six and are a big league-best 16-6.

Lohse (4-1) allowed five hits and no walks in seven innings. The Brewers had nine hits at Miller Park, where the team had been averaging just two runs and six hits entering the night.

Reds 5, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Alfredo Simon pitched into the seventh inning despite erratic control and Jay Bruce drove in a run for a fifth consecutive game to lead Cincinnati.

Simon (3-1) worked 6 2-3 innings and allowed two runs on four hits and five walks while striking out four. He has pitched at least six innings in each of his four starts this season as a replacement for the injured Mat Latos. Simon pitched exclusively in relief the previous two years.

Bruce had two hits and knocked in the final run of the decisive three-run fifth inning against Charlie Morton (0-3) that gave the Reds a 4-2 lead. Billy Hamilton also had two hits for Cincinnati, which has won seven of 10 games since a 3-7 start.

Nationals 5, Angels 4

In Washington, Adam LaRoche's tiebreaking RBI single off the first pitch from Fernando Salas capped a four-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning that kept Washington from getting swept.

Los Angeles led 4-1 entering the ninth, and closer Ernesto Frieri (0-2) went in, seeking his third save.

Instead, he left with his second blown chance, charged with all four runs Washington scored in that inning.

Seahawks to open NFL season vs Packers

NEW YORK (AP)—Mike McCarthy promises there won't be any bad memories plaguing his Green Bay Packers when they open the NFL season on Sept. 4 at Super Bowl champion Seattle.

The last time Green Bay visited CenturyLink Field was in Week 3 of the 2012 season, a 14-12 Seahawks victory clinched on what now is often dubbed the "Fail Mary." Russell Wilson's desperation pass on the final play was called a touchdown reception for Golden Tate by the replacement officials.

A few days later, the lockout of the regular officials ended.

"This game won't be about the past," he said. "It will be about the 2014 Green Bay Packers.

It's the third straight season the Packers have traveled to face the defending Super Bowl champions.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for our football team," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "We have experience playing in the kickoff opener three years ago, and we will draw on that. Obviously, being the visiting team this time presents new challenges. It will help sharpen our focus even more during training camp and the preseason."

AP

In this Aug. 23, 2013, file photo, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson tries to get away from Green Bay Packers' C.J. Wilson during the second half of an NFL preseason football game in Green Bay, Wis.

That Thursday game is the first of four prime-time games on opening weekend. Also at night will be a Sunday matchup of AFC champion Denver and Peyton Manning hosting his former team, Indianapolis; and a Monday night doubleheader with the New York Giants at Detroit, followed by San Diego at Arizona.

The NFL will play three games in London: Dolphins-Raiders on Sept. 28; Lions-Falcons on Oct. 26; and Cowboys-Jaguars on Nov. 9. The Detroit-Atlanta game will kick off at 9:30 a.m. ET in an experiment to test the NFL's audience draw on a Sunday morning.

A Saturday doubleheader in Week 16 has San Diego at San Francisco and Philadelphia at Washington.

For the first time, games in Weeks 5 through 10 can be flexed from Sunday afternoon to night, with a limit of two. Beginning with Week 11, a Sunday game can be moved to prime time each week. Also, a select number of Sunday afternoon games are being "cross-flexed," moving between CBS and Fox to potentially draw more viewers.

The Thanksgiving triple-header features three strong division rivalries: Chicago at Detroit, Philadelphia at Dallas, and Seattle at San Francisco, a rematch of the memorable NFC title game last January.

That game will be played in 49ers' new stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., which opens in Week 2 when they host Chicago in a Sunday night match.

Looking for the latest installment of Manning vs. Tom Brady? The Patriots host it on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2.

And for those looking for the rematch of the Super Bowl, Seattle's 43-8 rout of Denver, it's on Sept. 21 at Seattle. Denver opens the season against three 2013 playoff teams: Indianapolis and Kansas City at home, then at the Seahawks.

"I think when you look at it, we have to start fast," Broncos general manager John Elway said. "We knew it was going to be a tough schedule playing the NFC West, and when we finish first in our division like we have the past three years, it is always going to be a tough schedule with a lot of good football teams on it."

Bye weeks begin in Week 4 when Arizona, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle and St. Louis are off. They end in Week 12 when Carolina and Pittsburgh are idle.

The season ends Dec. 28 with all divisional games.

CNMI

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Pam Carhill of Marianas Health Service served as team physiotherapist.

The visiting group drew first blood in its first game against Hong Kong with Borja hitting her target midway in the opening half of the match.

"When the girls found that they were able to build up and penetrate Hong Kong's defense, they kept their perseverance up. When Guine (Borja) scored the first goal, it took them awhile to realize that we made the first goal," Ito said.

"The girls were exhausted from their flight, but were pumped up to play against Hong Kong. They had more connecting passes and more players took shots from afar. Their defense was great and they improved their communication at the pitch," added Ito, who left with the team on April 17 and dueled Hong Kong the following day.

The former British Crown Colony went on to escape the CNMI's upset axe as it scored the game-tying goal off a rebound in the second half.

Our goalkeeper (Alipio) did her best to save the goal, even slamming her body on the ground to save it. However, there was a Hong Kong player ready to rebound the ball for a goal. Earlier in the first half, Chevy Kate did a wonderful save on a penalty kick from Hong Kong," the team manager said.

Up next for Ito's wards was the tournament favorite China, which nipped Guam, 1-0, in the other game during the opening day.

"I was a bit worried as I found out that Guam lost to China Shenzhen. We concentrated more on defense in this match. We wanted to work on how our defense line would organize against China. Our defense worked well although we had shorter players compared to China Shenzhen. It was difficult for us to shoulder charge against our opponent. Overall, our girls played beyond expectations and had a great result, holding a strong team to a scoreless draw," Ito said.

For their last game, fatigue and injuries took its toll on the CNMI bets and they went on to absorb their lone loss in the four-team tournament.

"The girls were visibly exhausted from the previous matches. The Guam coach also scouted our team very well and saw our weakness. Guam kept lobbing shots from the center and it was impossible for our shorter goalie to stop those overhead goals, especially when they were playing on a standard size pitch and goals. Some of our regular players were also injured and Guam capitalized on some of our new and inexperienced players. Despite the loss, the girls kept their heads up and knew they still have work to do," the team manager said.

The three-day competition in Hong Kong was a good warm-up for the CNMI's upcoming tournament in Beijing—the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships.

"The girls showed significant improvement in chemistry in Hong Kong. They are now more motivated to train harder and be a better team as they prepare for the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships," Ito said.

The regional tournament will be played from May 30 to June 4 at the China National Football Training Centre with the CNMI going up against Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, and South Korea in Group B qualifier. Group A has Guam, Japan, China, and North Korea and the Top 2 placers in each bracket will advance to the playoffs.

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latter's 8-5 cushion. The IP&E-backed team then saved the best for last, nailing six runs at the top of the sixth, with two of them coming off Dominic Torres' RBI single. At the bottom of the sixth, the Braves went down after only three batters, losing their bid to challenge the Falcons for the pennant.

In the second game, McDonald's also leaned on its third-inning attack to take control of its match against the eliminated Comets II (3-11). McDonald's failed to score in the first two innings and was behind, 0-3, when it collected eight runs at the top of the third to grab the lead and never lost it. A.J. Sanchez and Jared Reyes hit two-RBI double and two-RBI singles, respectively, to change McDonald's fortune in the pivotal third inning.

McDonald's kept the safe margin, as it held Comets II to one run in the last three innings, while scoring four more. The Comets II, which registered its three runs early in the first inning, had one run in the last with John Keremius reaching home off a McDonald's error at second base.

YVONNE

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lau and set record times in the 100m and 200m, earning her the fastest women's tag in the region. She also anchored the team to victory in the 4x100m relay race.

"We are looking to have 20 to 25 athletes on the team. Brandon Phillip will be the new anchor of our men's sprint team with the departure of CNMI and Micronesian record holder Tyrone Omar," the NMA head coach added. "I will submit all 25 names because we still have up to the technical meeting to finalize our roster."

As for their medal target, Rangamar is hoping that the team will equal if not surpass its performance in Palau four years ago. The CNMI won 13 golds, five silvers, and seven bronzes in the athletics competition of the 2010 edition of the Micro Games.

Online fundraiser

Meanwhile, NMA has launched an online fundraiser for the team's campaign in this year's Micro Games.

Interested donors can check the gofundme.com website and type key words Athletics competition in Pohnpei.

NMA is hoping to raise $35,000 to help defray the cost of the team's trip to Pohnpei. Each delegate needs about $800 for the airfare alone (United Airlines is charging $678 per person plus taxes, which are subject to change), while per diem is $50. No financial assistance from either the government or Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association has been made at press time and the organizing committee in Pohnpei has set the deadline for submission of entries by names on May 19. NMASA has scheduled an earlier deadline—May 7.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	9	.571	–
Toronto	11	10	.524	1
Baltimore	10	10	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	2
Boston	10	12	.455	2½

Central Division

Detroit	10	8	.556	–
Chicago	11	11	.500	1
Kansas City	10	10	.500	1
Minnesota	10	10	.500	1
Cleveland	10	11	.476	1½

West Division

Texas	14	8	.636	–
Oakland	13	8	.619	½
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	3½
Seattle	8	13	.381	5½
Houston	7	15	.318	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	14	7	.667	–
Washington	12	10	.545	2½
New York	11	10	.524	3
Philadelphia	10	11	.476	4
Miami	10	12	.455	4½

Central Division

Milwaukee	16	6	.727	–
St. Louis	12	10	.545	4
Cincinnati	10	11	.476	5½
Pittsburgh	9	13	.409	7
Chicago	7	13	.350	8

West Division

Los Angeles	13	9	.591	–
San Francisco	12	10	.545	1
Colorado	12	11	.522	1½
San Diego	10	12	.455	3
Arizona	6	18	.250	8

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Japanese ends Jim's streak in 10K

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Saipan's Norika Jim cuts the tape for a runner-up finish in the 10K event of last Saturday's 2014 Saipan Marathon.

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Noriko Jim's reign in the 10K ended last Saturday during the 2014 Saipan Marathon, as she settled for a runner-up finish to Japan's Asami Okasabe.

Jim, who ruled the 10K event for five straight years, completed the race from the American Memorial Park to Beach Road (across Hakubotan) and back in 44:28. Though her time was faster than her winning mark last year (44:55), Jim was 30 seconds behind Okasabe, who cut the tape in 43:58.

Joining Okasabe and Jim in the Top 6 of the women's division were the daughter-and-mother pair of Conatsu (49:19) and Ayumi Kaga (51:24), Pipit Ball (52:13), and Yurie Ota (52:22).

In the men's division, China's Dongxu Gao took the top honors after logging 34:27. He finished ahead of Yuji Onuma (41:02), Yuichi Kobayashi (41:53), and Saipan's Seiya Eda (43:51) and Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel (43:52).

The Top 6 overall finishers were honored during the awards ceremony at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's beach side, while age group champions were also recognized.

Saipan's Rintaro Miyawaki claimed the age group crown in the U14 division, as the 9-year-old runner timed in at 49:17. Other age group winners in the men's division were Saipan's Dylan Ackerman (15-19, 46:28); China's Jonghoon Kim (20-29, 52:45); Japan's Harumitsu Ono (30-39, 49:14); Takao Yonekura (40-49, 46:02); Saipan's Cesar Danao (50-59, 46:39); and Japan's Yutaka Yoshi (over 60, 1:00:29).

In the women's division, Conatsu's younger sister, Coume, topped the U14 division after clocking in at 1:00:08, while two other Saipan runners won their respective age group. Reylynn Sapong prevailed in the 15 to 19 age group after making it to the finish line at the 1:12:04 mark, while Suzy Kindel ruled the over 60 division after breaking the one-hour barrier with her 59:22.

Completing the age group finishers were 20 to 29's Ara Cho (52:50), 30 to 39's Mieko Kadowaki (58:38), 40 to 49's Yukako Yamamoto (54:45), and 50 to 59's Kyoko Matsuda (53:07).

Yankees get pennant; Tigers keep playoff hopes

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The Saipan Stevedore Yankees nipped the Northern Starz, 12-11, to secure the pennant in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Centerfielder Greg Iskawa scored the winning run for the Yankees, who finished the double-round robin elimination with a 9-1 record. The 2012 titlists finished ahead of defending champions GSM Brewers (8-2), who also won their last game in the regular season after rallying past the Northern Starz, 11-7, last Wednesday night.

With their back-to-back losses, the Northern Starz dropped to a 4-6 record and has to wait for the results of the game between the Tigers (3-6) and D-9ers (0-9) tonight to determine its playoff chances. A Tigers win would create a two-way tie for the fourth and last playoff berth, while a D-9ers victory would give the Northern Starz the final ticket to the next round.

Iskawa and the Yankees foiled the Northern Starz's bid to advance to the next round when the former reached home off an error from catcher Cedric Ada at the top of the ninth inning. The go-ahead run came after Chris Camacho was struck out for the Yankees second out. The run was also the fourth for the Yankees, allowing the team to recover from an 8-11 deficit after eight complete innings.

The Northern Starz failed to reclaim the upper hand when the Yankees forced the former to a 1-2-3 play at the bottom of the ninth with shortstop A.J. Lizama on top of three defensive plays. He caught a fly ball from leadoff batter Javon Camacho, caught a pass from second baseman Tom Joab to tag out runner Ben Lizama, and then teamed up with first baseman Gary Cruz for the third out.

Meanwhile, the Brewers frustrated the Northern Starz anew when the defending champions pulled off a come-from-behind win.

The Brewers were down, 2-6, after six complete innings, but battled back with a seven-run top of the seventh. The Brewers went on to limit the Northern Starz to one run in the last three innings and completed the come-from-behind victory after tucking in two more runs in the eighth.

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The Northern Starz players exchange hi-fives after keeping the lead against the GSM Brewers in the sixth inning of their game in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League. The Brewers came back and stole the victory, 11-7, last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Blue Haus survives scare from Rebels

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Blue Haus labored to keep its perfect record intact, pulling off a 63-60 victory over the Rebels in the second game in the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Marlon De Dios scored 8 of his 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the defending champions improve to a 4-0 record and foiled the Rebels' upset bid.

The Rebels (0-2) threatened to end Blue Haus' streak when it came back from a 17-20 deficit at the end of the first quarter and outclassed the latter in the next two quarters, leading by as much as 8 points, 43-35, in the third period. The third canto wrapped up with the Rebels hanging on to a 47-45 spread and they remained on top in the first four minutes of the fourth period before getting stuck at 54 points.

De Dios led a 10-0 run, turning a 49-54 deficit to a 59-54 advantage. De Dios connected on back-to-back baskets and two charities in that rally, Bruce Berline and Bart Demapan had splits, and Brendon Talania canned a step-in jumper to put Blue Haus in the driver's seat.

Blue Haus managed to steal the lead and drilled successive baskets, as it extended its defense outside and pressured the Rebels' ball handlers, forcing the opposing team to commit several turnovers.

A triple from Roy Norita ended the Rebels' silence and they were back to business after Zack Babauta hit a short jumper, 59-all, going into the last 2:34 of the game.

Teams exchanged misses in the ensuing plays before Talania gave the lead back to Blue Haus with a split free throw, 60-59. The Rebels had chances to grab the lead, but Norita missed on his drive and Don Teregeyo took a hurried baseline jumper after getting the offensive board and faltered, too.

Blue Haus then turned the precarious 1-point lead to 3, 62-59, when Elmer Esdrelon cut through the basket and nailed a layup, 1:25 left in the fourth quarter. Another Rebels botched play returned the leather to Blue Haus, which also failed to cash in on the possession with Darwin Barbo missing on his drive.

With less than a minute left and behind by only 3, the Rebels remained in contention after Norita was fouled in the ensuing play. He hit the first charity, but faltered on the second one, leaving Blue Haus with a 2-point lead, which the defending champion could not stretch as Demapan went 0-for-2 from the foul line on the other end.

The Rebels got the rebound after Demapan's second attempt, however Babauta's pass to Ben Lisua to the front court was intercepted by Barbo and Blue Haus melted the clock to secure the win.

Meanwhile, Island Manpower also eked out a close win over the Rollers, 61-58.

It was Island Manpower's first victory in two games, while the Rollers dropped their debut. Cesar Bisana topscored for Island Manpower with his 12 points, 3 of them came in the closing minutes of the fourth canto.

First Game

Island Manpower 61 – Bisana 12, Teregeyo 9, Capalad 8, Norita 7, Lizama 5, Standish 5, Tabora 4, Taga 2, Libuw 1.

Rollers 58 – Arciaga 13, Factor 10, Fidelino 8, Nakayama 7, Espinosa 7. Iglecias 3, Malonzo 2, Ano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-18, 27-25, 44-39, 61-58.

Second Game

Blue Haus 63 – Galarse 13, Esdrelon 12, De Dios 10, Talania 10, Demapan 9, Barbo 4, Pagarao 4, Berline 1.

Rebels 60 – Litulumar 14, Babauta 13, Norita 10, Manglona 9, Lisua 8, Ulloa 2, Teregeyo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-17, 32-29, 45-47, 63-60.

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The Rebels' Roy Norita drives against Blue Haus' Elmer Esdrelon, left, and Marlon De Dios during the third quarter of their game in the QQ caging last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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CNMI holds ground in HK tourney

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The CNMI U14 National Team's starting 11 pose for group photo before playing against Guam in their last game in the 2014 Girls International Youth Football Invitational Tournament held in Hong Kong last Sunday.

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The CNMI U14 National Team stood its ground in last weekend's Girls International Youth Football Invitational Tournament held in Hong Kong, forcing two draws and losing only one game.

The Commonwealth bets had a 1-1 standout against host Hong Kong and also forced a draw (0-0) against Shenzhen, China, before bowing to Guam, 0-4. The squad was composed of Chevy Kate Alipio, Princess Alcantara, Carla Ballesteros, Guinevere Borja, Angelica Carreon, Jeralyn Castillo, Katrina Costales, Anela Duenas, Berdanette Horey, Samanta Manacop, Diana Maniacop, De'Jana Muna, Angelica and Lyka Sally, Pinyarat Shanweiler, Madeleine Taisacan, Krizel Tuason, and Gillian Villagomez, while Mae Ito and Ross Zapanta were the team manager and delegation head, respectively.

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Yvonne to lead CNMI tracksters in Micro Games

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The CNMI is sending a team to the athletics competition in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei in July with sprint queen Yvonne Bennett leading the squad.

Northern Marianas Athletics head coach Elias Rangamar in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday confirmed the group's participation in the quadrennial event scheduled from July 20 to 29. Trials are ongoing, but Yvonne, her twin sister Yvette, and three other off-island athletes have committed to the squad.

"We will have several of our top off-island athletes returning to represent CNMI in Pohnpei. Notable names include, reigning sprint queen Yvonne Bennett, her sister Yvette and multi-event athletes Jacque Wonenberg and Lia Rangamar. There is also the Guam-based Michael Mancao, who is our record holder in the 800m,"Rangamar said.

Yvonne topped the 100m, 200m, and 400m events in the 2012 Micronesian Games in Pa-

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Rockies, McDonald's stay in playoff race

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An IP&E Rockies outfielder throws to second base during their game against Comets I in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball early this month at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The IP&E Rockies and McDonald's dominated separate foes last weekend to remain in playoff contention in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball.

The Rockies hammered the Braves, 15-5, in last Saturday's first game at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield, while McDonald's downed Comets II, 12-4, in the second match. Both the Rockies and McDonald's finished the regular season with 7-7 records (unofficial) and are battling for the last four playoff berths against JPO Enforcers (8-4), Little Legals (8-4), Laolao Bay (7-6), and Hustlers (7-7). The Falcons (12-1), IT&E (12-2), Braves (11-3), and Comets I (10-3) have secured the first four playoff tickets and the winners of the last four spots will be determined by the remaining matches in the last two weeks of the regular season.

Behind at 1-3 after two complete innings, the Rockies turned the tables on the Braves with a five-run top of the third and kept going, scoring nine more runs in the last two innings. The Rockies got three earned runs in the third and two off the Braves' miscue to grab the lead, 6-5. The Braves continued to commit defensive lapses in the fourth, allowing the Rockies to have more earned runs and one stolen base for the

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From left, Lia Rangamar, Reylynn Sapong, Rachel Abrams, and Yvonne Bennett are seen here with their third place medals during the Oceania Regional Championships 2012 at the Barlow Park in Cairns, Australia.